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JIM'S DREAM IS A REALITY!

– all thanks to community spirit

Local Brownies and Rainbows at the allotment opening ceremony.
(Photograph by Patrick Davies).

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

THE efforts of a keen group of local gardeners have transformed a plot of land near the Cowbridge by-pass into a community allotment – and it was officially opened last Friday (July 17) by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

The only note of sadness at the ceremony was because one of the driving forces behind the project, Jim Grove, sadly died a few weeks ago.

Charles Champion, the secretary of the group, told The GEM how they had transformed a waterlogged field into an organic allotment with 20 plots – all of which have now been taken up by keen gardeners.

He said: "It was Jim's idea, and when we approached the owner, Dai John, he was very helpful and let us have the plot at a peppercorn rent for 20 years".

Jane Hutt AM said: "It was a great privilege and honour to cut the ribbon, with the Brownies and Rainbows, to officially open the Cowbridge Community Allotments.

"They were the inspiration of a remarkable man – Jim Grove – who was also a man ahead of his time.

"His vision and skill as an architect, planner and writer was translated into practical action and he inspired all those who have made these allotments come to fruition.

"It was very special to be with Brenda, Lincoln and Jonie Grove, beloved wife, son and granddaughter.

"It was recognised by the chairman, Dave Vicker that it was thanks to Jim that funding was secured from Environment Wales and Creative Rural Communities, as well as many other local businesses and Keep Wales Tidy."

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Jim Grove, pictured two years ago as work began on the allotment site.

Pub hosts life-saving machine

by PHILIP IRWIN

A NEW defibrillator has been made available in Cowbridge to cover the Eastgate end of town and its home is in the Edmondes Arms.

The handover ceremony took place earlier this week and, fittingly, the money to pay for the machine was raised by Cowbridge First Responders, who approached local businesses for help.

Lynne Duance, of the First Responders, said: "We raised the money some time ago, thanks to a great response from Cowbridge traders.

"Originally, it was due to be installed at the Select convenience store, because it was open for more hours of the day than any other local business."

Sadly, the store closed and now it has been decided that the Edmonde Arms will provide a home.

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'Let the cars park for three hours'

I AM aware that since the regular appearance of civil enforcement officers in Cowbridge, there is now a large number of car parking spaces available, most of the day, on the High Street – that includes Eastgate and Westgate.

I agree there is a definite need to increase the one-hour limit to at least three hours. The main car park, behind the Town Hall, according to one survey, states that there are approximately 180 cars parked all day, this means that shoppers and visitors struggle to find parking.

People don't just come to Cowbridge to pick up a newspaper or pint of milk, but want to have a good look at the variety of shops and services available, and perhaps meet friends for coffee or lunch.

This is a big problem for businesses. I think the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade and Commerce should be having discussions with the relevant authorities ASAP.

The majority of business owners do not now reside in Cowbridge – they and their staff generally park all day in the available car parks, cutting down considerably the car parking available to their customers.

Susan Collier,
(Cowbridge resident for over 55 years).

'Cowbridge parking absolute nightmare'

PARKING in Cowbridge is an absolute nightmare now – if the one hour is extended, no-one will ever get a parking spot and then what happens to the small businesses – opticians, chemists, dentists, etc?

Waitrose has two-hour free parking for customers, but their car park is now often full and genuine Waitrose customers have difficulty finding a parking space.

What is required is controlled parking, not the haphazard attendance of the traffic wardens, which enables drivers to park for longer than the one hour permitted.

Then when the wardens are on duty, people get a surprise when they get fined.

Can you imagine, if and when the new proposed housing development takes place, the chaos that will be caused when a further onset of cars arrives in Cowbridge?

Mrs P Scott-Coombes,
Cowbridge.

'Junction design puts drivers at risk'

REGARDING the layout junction now in use at Harbour Road, St Nicholas Road, Parade Gardens and Island Road, Barry, I can understand the need to keep traffic moving from the Island.

But this design has put drivers' safety in jeopardy at a crossroads with green lights on both sides – albeit the Harbour Road and protected by a large Give Way sign and broken white lines.

Unfortunately, by today's poor driving standards, an accident could be possible – which it nearly did when a car travelling across this junction failed to give way to the No.95 bus from the Island on which I was a passenger. The bus driver had to brake hard ot avoid a collision.

The answer, as I see it, to this potential hazard is to reset the traffic lights to incorporate protection to both roads; with the traffic form Barry Island given the longer preference time – slower, but a lot safer.

Tony Nicholas,
Barry.

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'Biomass plant a major threat to public health'

WITH reference to Mr David Kennett and his recent put down of Coun Chris Elmore on the subject of the biomass plant planned for Barry Dock, I would firstly like to point out that I am not a fan of Labour, nor a fan of Chris Elmore's political beliefs.

But what I will say is that on a personal level, yes, I am a fan of Coun Elmore. He is not vote-pulling here, as the election was fought in May of this year and like the true gent he is, he accepted defeat with great dignity. He fights his cause with vigour and determination, but for comments such as David Kennett's to dominate the top spot on readers' letters in The GEM, in my view, is a complete farce.

Biomass is a danger to mankind and will be a major cause of pollution, resulting in the respiratory illness and weakness of the people within our town, if these plans for a Biomass plant on Barry Dock are given the green light.

On Friday, July 17, I was in Splott, Cardiff for a business meeting near the Viridor Plant, which is very similar to the Biomass plant proposed for Barry Dock.

The acrid stench from the plant was at times unbearable during and after our meeting.

I would respectfully ask Mr Kennett, before he makes any more supportive comments on the possibility of a Biomass plant coming to Barry, and ridicules Coun Elmore and Friends of The Earth, to go to Walker Road in Splott – about two minutes walk from the Viridor plant.

Then tell us all how he would feel about sanctioning such a plant in Barry, or anywhere else in the Vale, which would produce such acrid and dangerous levels of pollution.

Barrie V Evans,
Coordinator, Barry First Group, Barry Voice.

DOWNSIDE TO WASTE WOOD INCINERATOR IN BARRY

DAVID KENNETT, in arguing for the waste-wood incinerator in Barry (GEM letters, last week), accepts its function is disposal – not "energy recovery" – as the company claims; but, like the company, he ignores the downsides.

Thousands of tonnes of toxic ash and fumes of NOx etc.will require a high stack to disperse it over Barry and wider afield, lorry-loads of wood-chips through Cadoxton; risk of fire in the wood-chip stores; noisy operation all night through.

If Mr Kennett really wants to recover energy from his waste wood, why use an inefficient plant? This one would be 22 per cent or less efficient, because it wastes the heat energy, contrary to policy.

In claiming it's needed to dispose of waste wood, Mr Kennett is unaware of the several times bigger plant also to burn waste-wood, which is being built at Margam. This is to take waste wood throughout south Wales.

Why build a second, inefficient plant close to homes in Barry?

Indeed, when a waste wood-chip plant was consented to in Hull, the company went back for permission to change to burning domestic waste pellets, saying they could not obtain sufficient wood-chips locally.

The Vale Council officers' report expects Sunrise in Barry to import wood-chips, including from fresh wood; they propose no restriction to supplies from south-east Wales, as Cardiff's Viridor incinerator is restricted.

Much waste wood is melamine chipboard, not only from old kitchen units, shelving etc., but also in manufacture offcuts and damage. Board manufacturers should set up a recycling process to strip off the melamine and recover the chips for re-manufacturing.

Electrical appliance, packaging and car makers have to recycle, why not also composite board makers?

Sustainability means we clamp down on old-style resort to burning and, in this case, burning dependent on public subsidy for inefficient electricity generation.

Max Wallis,
Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth.

'Locals ignored in new LDP' plan'

A LETTER a while ago from the Vale Council leader highlighted the final stages of overdue LDP proposals.

The motivation in developing the new plan was to foster development of sustainable communities in the Vale; and support communities where people grew up but could not afford to live there.

In Colwinston, this approach has been totally ignored. Why were the housing allocations in the first LDP carried forward, when that phase was scrapped?

None of the local views has been listened to.

RG Thomas,
Colwinston.

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If vote goes against you, then ignore it!

IN the end, the EU did not need to tell the Greeks to vote again – it just made their leaders ignore the referendum result.

We should remember this when we get to our own referendum after Mr Cameron's quarter-hearted renegotiation. As it promised, the EU is determined to hang on to the euro, and will do whatever is necessary.

This includes breaking its own rules when they are not convenient (bailing out insolvent banks and with cash expressly not collected for that purpose); and trampling on the electorate's opinions on the rare occasions when it cannot avoid asking for them.

If we vote to stay in, the EU will take this as authorisation to do whatever it likes. In the inevitable further political integration of the euro zone, the interests of non-euro countries will not be on its list of priorities.

RH Bradshaw,
Cowbridge.

Heroes' collection

A HUGE thank you to all who contributed to our Help for Heroes ASDA Collection Weekend at ASDA Barry, which raised £758.40.

Bob Wheatley.

Reunion trip to Egypt and to war cemeteries

OVER the years, I have arranged for many groups to go back to the Egyptian Canal Zone, and several of your GEM readers have joined us on these visits.

It means a return to the areas where we served in the 1950s and where many of our friends and comrades are buried.

I have now stopped organising groups to the Military Zone.

Our last one was in May this year, but I have received many letters of thanks and new requests, enquiring if it is possible to visit the war cemeteries in the Cairo area, especially Heliopolis and El-Alamein .

There are at least five war cemeteries in the Cairo vicinity, as well as the two mentioned.

I have decided to arrange a group visit to Cairo, so that people can visit these, as well as other places of interest.

I will be in contact with the defence attache at the British Embassy in Cairo and the War Graves Commission, regarding the visits to the war cemeteries.

I would be willing to take photos, on behalf of your readers, of graves of their friends and loved ones, if they would like me to (complimentary to your readers).

I am sure that many GEM readers served in Egypt, or know of friends and relatives who are buried there.

Your readers are invited to join our group reunion back to Egypt and if they contact me, I will send full details of itinerary and costs, etc, or send requests for photos directly to me.

The dates for this reunion group visit are Wednesday, June 1 to Friday, June 10, 2016.

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STUMPED BY A STAMP!

FOUR days after the expected birthday date, I received a note to say there was an item at the Mail office, Llandow, needing a payment of £1.11.

After several frustrating attempts to contact a human or the number given, I reluctantly drove to Llandow to be told the first class stamp on a normal size birthday card was red, instead of gold!

Staff at Rhoose, where the card was posted, are baffled and we are very annoyed. Has anyone else experienced this outrageous attitude?

B M Richards,
Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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23 Thur	11.38	8.3	23.55	8.1
24 Fri			12.22	7.9
25 Sat	00.46	7.8	13.22	7.7
26 Sun	01.52	7.6	14.34	7.5
27 Mon	03.07	7.8	15.51	7.8
28 Tues	04.19	7.9	16.53	8.3
29 Wed	05.19	8.7	17.48	9.0
30 Thur	06.12	9.1	18.35	9.5

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OBITUARY:
Peter Nicholson Jones
Cowbridge (September 14, 1941– July 2, 2015)

WITHOUT the contribution of Peter Jones, Cowbridge's town walls would still be gradually degrading to heaps of rubble as ivy perfected its stranglehold, and the façade of Old Hall would still be a no-go area, crumbling away to anonymity.

Peter, who died of prostate cancer on July 2, was born in Tamworth, but spent little time in England, as his parents moved back to Swansea when he was a child and thereafter the family lived in Wales. Peter always thought of himself as a proud Welshman.

After his marriage to Helen in 1969, the couple moved to Cowbridge and spent their next 46 years in Cowbridge or Llanblethian. With work and family life always centred on the Vale, their children, Hannah and Matthew, were brought up here, and they were always a close supportive family with three adored grandchildren.

Peter studied civil engineering at the University of Glamorgan and set up his own engineering practice in 1985.

With characteristic flair and energy, the business grew from modest beginnings to managing large scale public projects, many including listed buildings, Grade 1 listed Hensol Castle being among the most prestigious.

Specialising in conservation, he excelled at marrying the best of the old with the best of the new.

He 'retired' at 60, but instead of playing more golf or learning embroidery, he set up his second engineering practice in partnership with his son Matthew. It was after his second 'retirement', which to be honest was only a semi-retirement, that Peter had time to become a volunteer supporting Cowbridge Charter Trust's projects. And what a volunteer!

From 2005, Peter was the Trust's consulting engineer for the restoration of the town walls, working with trustee Luke Millar, who had initiated the project. He devoted much time, energy and expertise to devising, project managing and supervising the work.

With the loss of Luke Millar in 2010, Peter became a trustee of Cowbridge Charter Trust, and took on the chairmanship of the project and its subsequent stages; the hard landscaping features of the Old Hall Gardens restoration project and latterly the repair of the inner walls of the grounds.

It was thanks to Peter's professional status that the Vale Council had the confidence to grant CCT a licence to carry out this sensitive project and thanks to his powers of negotiation that the work was carried out so successfully and within a very tight budget.

He recently established a maintenance schedule for the town walls with a three-year funding agreement with the Vale Council to ensure that history does not repeat itself and usher in another era of decline.

Peter's elegant design for a future trust project – a landscaped car park adjacent to the town wall – has been generally accepted in principle by the Vale Council. It is hoped that this will be achieved when the scheme for the redevelopment of the market site takes place and the cattle market sheds can be demolished.

Peter was a realist who was vital and resourceful and determined to use every moment. He faced life and his dreadful illness unflinchingly and directed his deepest feelings to the support and care for his loved family as well as for his, our, community about which he also cared deeply.

It's not often you can say, truthfully, that someone is irreplaceable, but Peter is that exceptional person and he will be missed deeply by all of us who were cheered by seeing him and valued his knowledge and skills so highly.

The town walls are a fine and lasting public memorial to the work of his last years.

LINDA OSBORN, *Trustee*

Peter gave his time, experience and expertise to the Cowbridge Charter Trust for the benefit of Cowbridge, and just like his company, he will be sadly and greatly missed by all the Trustees.

HARRY HAILES, *chairman, Cowbridge Charter Trust*

BUSINESS PLAYS HOST TO COWBRIDGE ART SOCIETY

ABOVE: Christian and Lynda Pedersen, Vale MP Alun Cairns, Coun Dave Morris, and members of Cowbridge Art Society at the gallery opening.

A LOCAL business has gone into partnership with Cowbridge Art Society to create a permanent exhibition space for local painters.

Vale MP Alun Cairns and the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Dave Morris, joined members of the art society for the opening of the new gallery, which is at Topstak in Llandow.

Artwork from talented local artists is currently on display, with several pieces depicting landmarks in Cowbridge, Llanblethian and the Vale.

Christian Pedersen, the owner of Topstak said: "It's a pleasure to host Cowbridge Arts Society here. As a keen art lover, I am delighted to see that there is so much talent in the area."

Mr Cairns said: "The Cowbridge Art Society is a fantastic group, and the art on display is of a very high standard. The partnership with Topstak is a fantastic example of a voluntary club forming long term ties with a local business."

A spokesman for the society said: "The art society holds several exhibitions every year, and was looking for a larger venue.

"Fortunately Lynda and Christian Pedersen stepped in with the offer of a large gallery room on the same floor as their superb restaurant".

Ann Tanswell the chairman of the society greeted the guests with coffee from the restaurant, and then took them through to officially open the exhibition.

She explained that there are approximately 60 members, some of whom attend the society's meetings on a Thursday night in the Old Hall in Cowbridge for practical demonstrations by known artists, critiques and entertaining talks.

The society has been going for over 50 years and is constantly trying to promote art to the young and old of Cowbridge, and welcomes all who wish to attend, with or without artistic skills.

Y Bont Faen pupils snap up photo prizes

Mrs Davies, Lauren Eley of HRT, Ben Macey, Sebastian Barker and Gavin Rees of HRT.

TWO pupils have been chosen as the winners of a photography competition at Y Bont Faen Primary School, Cowbridge.

Herbert R Thomas (HRT) estate agent recently held a photography masterclass for year-5, where they provided tips on how to take good photos with digital cameras and iPads.

Pupils were asked to take photos of memorable areas in the school to present to the headteacher, Meic Griffiths, as a leaving gift. Pupils had to upload and edit their photos using the school's Apple iMacs.

HRT then awarded a prize for the best photo, which was presented to Sebastian Barker and Ben Macey, who were awarded a £25 gift card for the Odeon cinema. The winning photo was of the adventure area within the school, as it was decided this captured the atmosphere of Y Bont Faen.

The photography competition is the latest initiative from Herbert R Thomas, which has been involved in many of the events at the school after sponsoring Y Bont Faen's PTA.

With the prominence of ICT in the workplace, it is also becoming more important to teach children how to be computer literate and understand how to use technology to a high standard.

Gavin Rees, partner at HRT, said: "As ICT has an increasingly important role in this generation's world, introducing technology to children at a young age will enable them to be more competent and comfortable with technology when they look to begin their careers. As a local business, we believe it is important to share our experience and knowledge to help develop the skills of children.

"The pupils all seemed to enjoy understanding how to take photos and then using the computers to edit and perfect them.

"After looking through some truly amazing photographs, we had to narrow it down to one group, which was very difficult.

"The two pupils who won seemed to really grasp the nature of the school in their photograph. We look forward to more opportunities with Y Bont Faen in the future."

Mr Griffiths, headteacher at Y Bont Faen, said: "We are very grateful for HRT's support to be able to run the photography workshop. The pupils had an extremely fun and informative learning experience, and ended up taking some beautiful photographs of the school.

"I loved looking through all the photos and I will definitely will treasure them as I move on to new challenges.

"We would not have been able to give the children this experience without the help of HRT and we hope to continue a strong relationship with the company."

Tennis club gets help from store's community fund

HARRY MORGAN (acting chairman, Barry Athletic Tennis Club), Tom Cole (coach) and under-8 players received a 'Community Matters' cheque from Victoria Barree of Waitrose.

The club would like to thank the customers who used their green tokens to help sponsor its new Sunday morning coaching scheme.

For more information about membership or coaching, go to barrytennis.co.uk or visit the club between 10am and 11am on Sunday mornings.

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Four years after life-changing accident, top cyclist returns...

Paralympic champ Simon is dreaming of getting back in saddle at Vale fundraiser

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

A fundraising cycling event in the Vale on Saturday, August 1, may see acclaimed Paralympic champion, Simon Richardson, back in the saddle of a two-wheel bike – after a break of almost four years.

Simon, a double gold medallist, suffered multiple injuries in 2011 when he was knocked off his bike on the A48 during his preparations for the London Paralympics.

He suffered injuries to the back, sternum, his legs, pelvis – along with a collapsed lung. At the time he was put in an induced coma.

Since then he has undergone a series of back operations and had to fight a battle against depression.

Recently, a former sponsor pledged to help Simon by providing him with an electric wheelchair to help him get out of the house.

But his fellow villagers in Llanmaes, some of whom are keen cyclists, wanted to do more to help his continuing recovery.

Miguel Sutcliffe, one of the organisers of the #cycleforsimon campaign, explained: "After Simon received help from a former sponsor to get an electric wheelchair, we wondered what more we could do to help.

"A weights machine and treadmill will help with his recovery, and anything left over will go to Wales Air Ambulance which helped airlift Simon when he had his accident.

"The event is taking place at 10am at the Blacksmiths Arms in Llanmaes on Saturday, August 1.

"It is not a race, just a cycle event for people to enjoy. There is a choice of routes – one of 60km which heads down to Southerndown, and a 36km one which turns back at Colwinston.

"It is a minimum of £10 a rider and people must wear helmets.

"After the cycle ride there will be a barbecue at the Blacksmith's Arms.

"It will be Simon's first time in the saddle since the life-changing accident four years ago. He only got the green light from the surgeon a week ago."

People can make a larger donation if they wish or get sponsorship to boost their contribution.

Simon told The GEM: "We're building the bike right now and hoping we can get it into the right position for me to ride. I have metal in my back which means I can't bend forwards. I'll have to test the bike and see what happens. If I'm unable to ride the bike, I'll use the trike (a three wheeler).

"Recovering has meant dealing with injuries and the mental side. It's great that people are organising the event, and it will help with rehabilitation equipment."

Darren Kenny, another Paralympic champion, will also add his support for Simon.

For more information on the event, go to Facebook: Cycle for Simon; or go to Twitter:

above; Two of the event organisers, Miguel Sutcliffe (on left) and Richard Crook (right) with Simon Richardson.

Cream tea raises funds for charity

ABOVE: Coun David Morris (centre) welcomed guests to the cream tea in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge.

COWBRIDGE residents were joined by Vale MP Alun Cairns at a cream tea organised by the Mayor in aid of Prostate Cymru and Motivation Learning Trust in the Lesser Hall.

Mr Cairns said: "I was pleased to have been able to join the Mayor, Coun David Morris and the Mayoress, Lorraine Pointon-Bell and praised their efforts in supporting two worthwhile charities."

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COWBRIDGE AIR CADETS HAD A £250 SURPRISE IN STORE...

Ian Hunt of Filco (far left) with members of the ATC.

AS 293 (Cowbridge) Squadron, Air Training Corps prepared to embark on another busy summer, they were visited by Ian Hunt of Filco Foods, who donated a cheque for £250 to the squadron's welfare fund.

Through the 'Making a Difference' campaign, Mr Hunt, himself an experienced pilot, was eager to recognise the work that the Air Cadets do in promoting aviation, benefitting young people and contributing to the local community.

This generous donation will be used to support cadet activities over the coming months. As their summer begins, the cadets will be spread far and wide. By the end of the sumer cadets from the squadron will have attended camps at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire and RAF Marham in Norfolk.

Others will be completing a leadership course at RAF College Cranwell, going to the large American base at Ramstein in Germany and taking part in the Nijmegen Four-Day Marches in The Netherlands.

More still will be attending a camp being run by officers of the First Battalion, the Royal Welsh, at their barracks in Tidworth, where the cadets will experience life with the Army on Salisbury Plain.

All of this is ahead of a stay aboard HMS Bristol in Portsmouth in October.

Back at the squadron, the focus of this summer will be on completing the requirements for the Duke of Edinburgh's award.

Mr Hunt visited the squadron on an evening devoted to meeting the physical exercise requirements, but the cadets are also looking forward to completing bronze-level practice and qualifying expeditions by the end of August.

Once September comes, the weather deteriorates and the days grow shorter, the squadron focus will be switched to the academic syllabus which prepares cadets for other activities and which can lead to them achieving Level 2 BTEC qualifications in aviation studies, teamwork and personal development and even music performance.

The squadron has currently undergone a growth spurt, to make it the second-biggest unit in south and west Wales, behind only the city of Swansea.

It is always eager to welcome new starters on Monday and Thursday between 1900 and 2130hrs, just off Aberthin Road, Cowbridge

John Williamson, Squadron Adjutant, Flight Lieutenant
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CRAFTERNOON TEA FOR NEPAL CHARITY

THE St Hilary Stitch and Bitch and Cutting Edge group are organising an event from 1.30pm–4.30pm on Sunday, September 13, in Ystradowen Village Hall.

Following the success of last year's event (£1,044 raised for charity), it will be another relaxing afternoon of crafting followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea. Alternatively, just come along for afternoon tea at 3pm. Crafts for sale and lots of cakes.

Bookings are essential for either the full crafternoon or afternoon tea. Contact Monica on 07811 159800. Proceeds in aid of the Brick Children School earthquake appeal, Nepal.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

School awards

ON Thursday of last week (July 16), I was invited to the awards concert at Llangan School, this being the culmination of their schooling at Llangan for many of the pupils.

The Rotary Club – Mary Noyes award went to Megan Rees; Sports Personality – Gemma Chester; Joan Astley Musician – Cai Wardhaugh; Llangan Pupil of the Year – Morgan Western; Elizabeth Madge, Champion of the Environment – Henry Pugh.

It was lovely seeing former headteacher, Mary Noyes, looking so well. I am sure that with the present head, Mr Steve Williams, she will always find a welcome when she visits Llangan.

To all the children leaving Llangan School to continue their education at Cowbridge Comprehensive, my very best wishes to you all!

Changing times!

WHEN the schoolchildren resume classes in September, they will be in for a lovely surprise.

I understand there are to be two new classrooms and ultra-modern toilet facilities also for the disabled. The school will become unrecognisable from the days of my childhood 82 years ago!

Saron Chapel

THE next service at Saron Chapel, Treoes, will take place on Sunday, August 2, at 3pm, when the officiating clergy will be Rev Trevor Harry and everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

WARRIOR DANCE! Children in Tinkinswood ceremony...

INSPIRED by previous performances with project leader Dylan Adams, the year-5 children at St Nicholas C/W Primary School planned, improvised and performed their own Neolithic ceremony recently at Tinkinswood.

With limited time and resources, the children transformed themselves into warriors, sacrificial dancers and gymnasts and drummers! The performance was videoed and viewed by the whole school.

Through this performance the children developed a great appreciation of how these Neolithic people lived 6,000 years ago, far more deeply than looking at books or the internet back in school.

Here is a report by Madeline Holmes, year-5:

"On Thursday, we went down to Tinkinswood and performed our amazing warrior dance and this is what happened...

"When we arrived we had our dinner because we were starving and there is nothing worse than feeling hungry while doing a dance! Once we had finished our dinner we had a few more practices just to tidy the routine up a little, got our masks and started performing.

"Unfortunately, Dylan Adams couldn't come to watch so we 'FaceTimed' him while Mr G recorded us on the iPad and he said it was fantastic! He really seemed to enjoy it."

Crows remove flowers from local graves

CROWS have been removing flowers from the pots placed on graves at Barry Cemetery.

It has led the Town Council to reassure members of the public that its staff are not responsible.

It appears the crows are keen to get at water in the pots.

A spokesman said: "Barry Town Council would like to make members of the public aware that on occasions flowers are being removed from flower pots on graves.

"It has been discovered crows are removing the flowers and drinking the water within the pots.

"The Town Council can only sympathise with the users of the cemetery and advise them that this is not an action taken by any staff members.

"We would ask members of the public to refrain from feeding the birds in the cemetery in an attempt to discourage them."

For further information, members of the public can contact the cemetery offices on 01446 738663.

CARITAS CHOIR SINGS AT HISTORIC LOCAL PRIORY

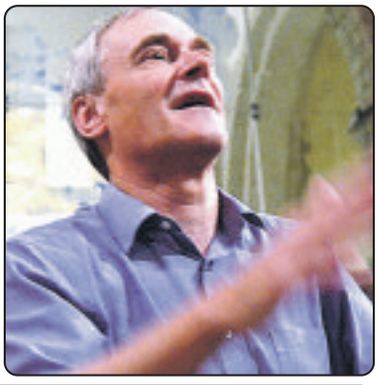
Pictures by **IAN DIXON**

THE Vale choir 'Caritas' gave a concert at Ewenny Priory recently where they performed both ancient and modern pieces to an enthralled full house.

The choir raises money for various causes, and in this case the Anthony Nolan charity, which funds research into blood cancers, received £1,300 – the proceeds of the concert.

Caritas founder Lindsay Gray said that it had been a very successful 30 months, and it was now time to consider the choir's format and possibly take a break over the summer.

He thanked the choristers for their professionalism and dedication, and he also thanked the audience for their loyal support.



LOUISE EXPLORES FARMING IN SCOTLAND WITH THE WALES YFC

The Young Farmers Club 'exchangees'.

A LOCAL member of Glamorgan Young Farmers Club went on the farming trip of a lifetime last month, to learn how things are done over the Scottish border.

Louise Evans, an active member of Maendy Young Farmers Club, recently travelled to Scotland with the Wales YFC International Programme.

Louise (23) has been a member of Maendy YFC for six years and was successful in a selection interview day in The Young Farmer Centre at the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells.

She said: "There are so many countries that you can travel to with YFC, the opportunities are endless.

"You can travel to home countries such as Scotland and Northern Ireland or further afield such as to Slovenia and Canada. It's a great way of dipping your toes into travelling."

Glamorgan YFC kindly contributed £100 to Louise's trip by donating money towards her travels, which she put towards flights.

In June, Louise flew to Edinburgh paired with Rhodri Griffiths, a YFC member who came from Aberystwyth. She was one of 12 exchangees who came from around the world: England, Norway, Switzerland, Finland, Canada and even Australia!

The exchangees all came from different walks of life, yet shared the passion of YFC and being a member. During the fortnight Louise was looked after by Scottish YFC who planned the visit to show her the landmarks, culture and farming during her stay.

"The farm visits were very eye opening as there was such a variety of farms that we saw.

"We visited 'pick your own' farms, an industrial size dairy farm, a poultry farm – which held 60,000 chickens – and a dairy farm which milked with robots!"

Louise stayed with a host family in New Cummonck in Ayeshire, who had a mixed farm, for a week.

Louise added: "This was really insightful. You see how rural people live, feel and their concerns for the future in farming."

The fortnight ended on a high by visiting the Royal Highland Show, the Scottish equivalent of the Royal Welsh Show. The four day show is a little smaller than the Welsh, however, it is a big hit with an abundance of Scottish livestock, machinery, food, shopping and rural craft.

Reflecting on her stay, Louise said: "I feel very privileged to have had such a unique opportunity to travel with Wales YFC.

"It was amazing. The people who you meet and talk to become friends. You see a whole new culture, which really opens your eyes."

Family horse proves that age doesn't matter

RIGHT: Merry Chieftain, in the winners' enclosure once again!

THEY say that for a true competitor, that will to win never dies, and a local woman, Poppy Evans, says that her family's horse is a prime example.

How many other competitors, whether equine or human, could take up a new sport in their dotage and go on to win!

That's what happened when *Merry Chieftain* lined up in a show jumping class at the recent Bridgend Show.

Merry Chieftain has always been a special horse to the Evans family and had a successful point to point career in the late 1990s, owned by Norman Jones, trained by Paul Haskins and ridden by talented jockeys such as Tim Vaughan, Evan Williams, James Tudor and Phil Williams.

However, he was injured in his last race and had to be retired from racing at 13 years old in 2002.

He was then bought by Poppy Evans for her son Ross for hacking and hunting. Some years later, Ross left Cowbridge Comprehensive School to go to university and *Merry Chieftain* was kept ticking over by Poppy and her friend Jayne.

Watching the veteran class at Bridgend Show last year, Poppy realised that he looked pretty sprightly compared to the lovely horses in the show ring.

So, she entered him in two veteran classes at this year's show earlier this month.

Poppy said: "As soon as he heard the tannoy and saw the showground, he thought he was racing again after 13 years and was rather excitable for a while.

"He was full of energy trotting around the ring. He certainly did not act 26 and went on to win both his classes.

"He's a very special boy!"

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Cowbridge Male Voice Choir tackles a musical mountain!

FOLLOWING a very successful tour of Normandy last May, Cowbridge Male Voice Choir returned to a mountain of work, learning and rehearsing the repertoire for their annual concert which takes place at the Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Saturday, July 25.

The concert starts at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm); tickets are £8. Musical director Shelley Thomas-Brown has chosen a varied repertoire for the perfor'mance.

"Please support the choir. The revenue raised will be put to good use by enabling the choir to perform concerts for charities and worthwhile causes throughout the UK and abroad," urged spokesman Ray Pritchard.

Julie's 'book shop' raises £3,000 for cancer charity

MACMILLAN Cancer Support has said a heartfelt 'thank you' to Ms Julie Davies and the people of Ogmore-by-Sea.

Over the last three years since Julie took over the Post Office Stores in Ogmore-by-Sea, she has raised over £3,000 for the charity.

Julie introduced a second hand book sale service where local residents bring along their used paperbacks which Julie sells for 50p each.

Every penny raised promptly goes into Julie's trusty Macmillan collection tin.

Macmillan ambassador Peter Davis has presented Julie with a certificate recognising this achievement and said: "Congratulations to Ms Julie Davis and the people of Ogmore-by-Sea. Julie has raised a great amount of money for Macmillan Cancer Support; her customers love the service and Julie."

Amy White, fundraising manager said: "Macmillan Cancer Support offers financial, medical, practical and emotional support to those who need our help. The money raised by Julie could operate our phone service for almost two hours. In this time, our cancer support specialists could answer 96 calls and emails from people who want questions answered, need practical or financial support, or just want to chat.

Peter Davis (no relation) presenting Julie Davis with her most recent certificate crossing the £3,000 mark.

"On behalf of Macmillan, and the millions of people we support who are affected by cancer; I would like to thank Julie and the residents of Ogmore-by-Sea for their generosity."

8,000 CARDIAC ARRESTS: SURVIVAL RATE IS JUST 3%

LEFT: From left to right: First Responder Lynne Duance; Trevor Morgan; Sharon Owen; Sue Morgan; and First Responders Tom Price; Lynne Mulcahy; and Barrie White.

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The landlord and landlady, Trevor and Sue Morgan, told The GEM that they were happy to help.

Defibrillators make an enormous difference to the chance of survival of someone who has a heart attack. First Responders are trained to operate them, and the charity Welsh Hearts runs training courses in both CPR and in using a defibrillator for ordinary members of the public.

Sharon Owen, of Welsh Hearts, told The GEM that the charity had part-funded the latest defibrillator, and said that the charity was keen to have as many in the area as possible.

Sharon also commented that she would love to hear from more schools, as quite a few have already booked their training

She said: "It's shocking that in Wales there are 8,000 sudden cardiac arrests outside of hospital each year, and the survival rate is just three per cent.

"With a defibrillator and when effective CPR is carried out, the survival rate increases to 50 per cent.

"You only have minutes to save someone in cardiac arrest. After 10 minutes, the chances of survival are negligible.

"Doing CPR gives the victim extra time until the defibrillator arrives. But SCA (sudden cardiac arrest) ultimately requires a shock to restore a normal heart rhythm.

"This is why Welsh Hearts carries out defibrillator training, as well as the CPR training!"

For more information on how you can support Welsh Hearts, contact Fundraising@welshhearts.org

Allotment dream becomes a reality

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A spokesman for Cowbridge Rotary Club said: "Jim's vision was not confined to able-bodied gardeners either; supported by his Rotary club, he designed and arranged for the construction of three raised-bed planters, so that people with mobility problems could be given a chance to get their fingers into the soil and grow something.

"It was a great loss to the allotments when Jim sadly died at the end of June, not seeing the completion of his project.

"However, Brenda, his wife, in a brief ceremony in the late afternoon sun, unveiled a small plaque on the raised planters that will keep Jim's memory alive for many years yet to come.

"Thanks Jim, for all your hard work!"

Vale MP Alun Cairns was also present at the opening ceremony and said that the allotments deserved a special place in the heart of the town, alongside the now well-established Physic Garden, since they did measurably improve the quality of life for many people here.

Charles Champion said that the group had plans for as yet unused areas near the allotments. Underneath the flyover, a series of bee hives have been put together, so the group will be making their contribution to protecting the future of these vital pollinators.

The pumping station at the allotment.

Also, on land the other side of the flyover, the are plans for an orchard.

Charles Champion said: "We are in discussions with the Welsh Perry and Cider Society to plant a mix of apple and pear trees, concentrating on trees that were native to Wales but which are no longer grown in large numbers."

He added that the group had been helped by a number of local organisations: "Dai John sent farm equipment down to rotovate the soil, and Cowbridge Compost gave us plenty of free compost – and there was manure from local farms as well.

"We also had help from Creative Rural Communities, the Vale Council's rural development group."

Now that the drainage has been improved, the high water table has been turned to advantage, as the allotment now has its own well and pumping station!

The allotment will be totally organic, which makes it more labour intensive, but everyone thinks it is well worth the effort.

What has definitely been created is an oasis of peace and calm which, although close to local homes and a dual carriageway, feels as if it is right in the heart of the countryside.

See next week's GEM for more photographs of the opening event.

Hwyl Fawr a Phob Lwc... CYLCH MEITHRIN y BONTFAEN REPORT

A LOT has been happening at the Welsh language nursery Cylch Meithrin y Bontfaen in recent weeks.

The summer weather meant that the children were able to harvest the potatoes, beans and strawberries that they had planted themselves in the spring, these were very tasty and the children were very proud of themselves for growing their own food.

We also held our annual fundraising toddle waddle on the Bear Field; the children were sponsored to take a long walk around the field and this raised lots of money for the Cylch. Once again it was well supported by the parents and families.

It was also our Mabolgampau/sports day recently. We were very lucky with the weather and had a wonderful turn-out to watch the children participate in a number of different races.

The children had a lovely time and all went home with a medal for their efforts – *da iawn*!

Cylch Meithrin Y Bontfaen was fortunate this month to be a recipient of a generous grant from Sainsbury's.

This is going to be spent on purchasing new IT equipment for the Cylch. The children will benefit greatly from this and we look forward to unveiling the new computer in September.

Sadly, this month also marked the end of an era, with several of our children leaving the Cylch to go to their new nursery units, we held a fun leaving party at the Cylch at the end of term to say *hwyl fawr*.

Most of our children are moving on to the Meithrin unit at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg and they thoroughly enjoyed their settling-in days.

We wish all our leavers the best of luck; we will miss their enthusiasm and hope that they will come back and visit us at Ti a Fi!

We also said goodbye to two members of staff and hope that Kora and Lucy enjoyed their time at Cylch Meithrin Y Bontfaen. We wish them all the best for their future.

Cylch Meithrin Y Bontfaen reopens in September and we hope that everyone has a wonderful summer. Cylch Meithrin Y Bontfaen takes children from age 2 and also has funded places for 3+ children. We have spaces available from September and welcome all new children and families. **CR**

Mum receives apology after DWP demands £41 paid to son... *who had passed away*

A Barry mum has received an apology from the Department of Work and Pensions after it requested a £41 repayment in benefits which had been paid to her dead son.

Rachel Degaetano suffered the anguish of the death of her 21-year-old son Chae in April.

The Department of Work and Pensions asked for the repayment of £41.36 which covered four days after Chae's death.

It has now apologised to Mrs Degaetano for the distress it caused her.

Local MP Alun Cairns looked into the matter and told The GEM: "I am pleased that commonsense has prevailed in regard to Mrs Degaetano and the Department for Work and Pensions.

"I wrote to the DWP, to ask them to look into the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Chae Bennett.

"At such an emotional time for Mrs Degaetano and her family, the DWP has apologised for the distress caused over a minor amount of money and I have passed on my correspondence from the DWP to the family."

An explanatory letter sent to Mr Cairns by an official at the DWP said: "I was sorry to hear about the distress caused to Mr Bennett's mother, Mrs Degaetano, by receiving a letter from us regarding payment of an overpayment because this is never our intention.

"The overpayment of £41.36, which we referred to in our letter, arose as a result of a payment of Employment Support Allowance having been made, which covered the period following Mr Bennett's death."

It emphasised that in the event of someone's death, it has a duty to ask for the return of overpayments to protect public funds. However, in this instance it would take no further action.

Mrs Degaetano plans to donate the money to Gofal Cymru, a Welsh charity which campaigns on mental health issues.

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VALE COUNCIL REPLIES TO JENNER PARK PITCH CRITICS

AS the Director responsible for the operation and management of Jenner Park Stadium, I feel it necessary to respond to the letter in your July 9 edition from John Lewis, concerning the council's decision to install a 3G synthetic playing surface at Jenner Park.

Firstly, I would encourage all residents with an interest in sport in the Vale to read full details of the plans for Jenner Park and the rationale that underpinned the decision which can be found in the cabinet reports of June 16, 2014, April 13, 2015 and May 11, 2015.

These are available on the council's website and detail a difficult and complex decision that has been taken to enable us to increase sports participation in the Vale, while also cutting the cost of a loss-making facility.

To summarise, the council is required to save £25m over the next three years, due to current austerity measures. In 2013/2014, the operating cost of Jenner Park was £205k and in 2014/2015 the cost was £185k. This is simply unsustainable in any financial climate, let alone the one that all Welsh councils find themselves in.

Barry Town United and Rhoose AFC contributed most to the stadium running costs over these two years, paying over £280 per game, and more if floodlighting was required. This income is considerably greater than the amount received from athletics.

Changes needed to be made to the stadium to create greater opportunities for use and, similar to other locations such as Cwmbran Stadium, the council opted to install a 3G surface – to permit greater accessibility for football, as the main potential for income generation.

With grass surfaces, the number of games that can be played per week is limited and the surface at Jenner Park suffers from drainage problems, which has meant that the pitch is unable to be used for a number of weeks per year.

The council was, however, keen to retain the rubberised running track to permit athletics running events to continue – and this is the case with the design of the new 3G surface, which also includes a new drainage system.

All the jumping events are maintained, though hammer throwing, which has not taken place at the stadium for a number of years, due to the damage caused to the grass pitch by the hammer, cannot take place on a 3G surface.

Shot putt will continue, as this event takes place off the pitch, so the only two athletics events affected by the pitch surface change are javelin and discus.

For these events, specialised equipment can be used to train technique, such as a rubberised discus, though the council is more than happy to consider relocation of these two throwing events to an alternative location in Barry, possibly with the assistance of our schools.

The 3G investment will realise significantly greater income, and this income at a range of activity levels, was detailed within the reports to cabinet to form the business case for the decision.

Without this investment, though it seems unthinkable, the stadium may even have had to close due to the council's financial position.

We have yet to decide on a management arrangement for the new pitch and clubhouse and the council will continue to manage the facility, until all the available options have been considered.

The indicative rates for the hire of the new pitch were included in the cabinet reports though these will only be finalised when an operating partner is known, or when the council determines to continue to manage the facility directly.

The stadium will be available for all to use and even though Barry Town United is likely to be a regular user other teams and organisations will be actively encouraged to hire the facility.

In addition to the new pitch, funding has been identified to undertake refurbishment work to the clubhouse and we hope that this, allied to the new pitch, will restore the stadium to its position within the local community and the wider Vale, as a valuable sporting and social amenity.

Pitch construction is due to commence this summer, with works expected to last 12 to 16 weeks. The 3G surface, which is to be built to the latest design and quality, should be available for use in October/November this year.

MILES PUNTER,
(Director of Visible and Housing Services,
Vale of Glamorgan Council).

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 22)

Notice of Submission of a Local Development Plan to the Welsh Government and Advertisement of Proposed Focused Changes

VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011 – 2026

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has submitted proposals for the above Local Development Plan (LDP) to the Welsh Government for examination. If, and when, these plan proposals are adopted they will form the development plan for the Vale of Glamorgan and will be the basis for decisions on land use planning affecting that area.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has considered all representations received in relation to the Deposit LDP and the Alternative Sites consultations and is now proposing focused changes to the Deposit LDP to ensure the Plan is sound. These changes are outlined in the 'Schedule of Focused and Minor Changes' document. The Focused Changes are subject to a formal 6 week consultation between 24th July 2015 and midnight on 4th September 2015.

A form for making representations is available from the Councils main offices below between Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm and Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm:

Barry – Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU; and Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT.
Wenvoe – The Alps, Alps Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA; and
Local libraries or on line at http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp

Representations at this stage should specify the matters and grounds to which they relate and must only relate to the Focused Changes. Representations should not propose further changes to the Deposit LDP or Alternative Sites; any such representations will be disregarded as they should have been made during earlier stages of the Plan preparation. Duly made representations will then be forwarded to the Welsh Government and Planning Inspectorate, for consideration by the Inspector appointed to examine the soundness of the Plan.

Copies of the LDP submission documents and the Focused Changes document are available for public inspection free of charge at the Council's Civic Offices and Dock Office in Barry, the Alps Depot in Wenvoe and at all local libraries during normal opening hours. They are also available on the Council's website at http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp

The submission documents comprise the deposit LDP, a Sustainability Appraisal Report (incorporating an Environmental Report), the Community Involvement Scheme, a Consultation Report, copies of representations and other supporting documents.

An independent Inspector will conduct the examination to determine whether the Plan is sound. Only those making representations seeking to change the deposit LDP (i.e. objectors) whose representations were 'duly made' (i.e. in accordance with earlier notices), have the right to appear before and be heard by the Inspector at the Examination (Section 64 (6) of the 2004 Act.)

Notice will be given at least 6 weeks before the opening of the Examination. The format and timings of the hearing will be a matter for the Inspector.

An independent Programme Officer has been appointed who will be responsible to the Inspector and will assist with the administration of the Examination. The appointed Programme Officer is Sarah Knevett.

Further information is available from the Council's web site: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp ; by contacting the LDP Team by phone on 01446 700111, or by email at: ldp@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by contacting the Programme Officer by phone on: 01446 704610 or by e-mail at: programmeofficer@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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'Pumphouse project will create an inspirational place' – LEADER

THE Leader of the Vale Council was recently given a tour of the well-advanced and extensive renovation work that continues at one of Wales' few remaining hydraulic pumping houses on Barry Waterfront.

Following the visit, Coun Neil Moore praised the "innovative regeneration project" by the developer DS Properties, which has obtained a long lease of the Pumphouse from the Vale Council.

The work is bringing the once derelict 19th Century local landmark back to life though an investment project worth £2 million.

Construction workers have created a new upper floor to the building and subdivided the upper area to create 15 new live/work units.

Meanwhile, the ground floor is being sub divided to create accommodation for several commercial uses.

Work is also to begin on a new pedestrian plaza and outside seating areas that will create a high quality environment in the heart of the Innovation Quarter.

This will add yet another new feature to the developing Waterfront community, while creating 30 new jobs during the construction phase.

When completed, the developer anticipates up to 60 new jobs could be generated in the businesses within the finished building.

Coun Neil Moore commented: "It is extremely encouraging to see at first hand the amount of private investment that is going into this project and also the colossal amount of hard work that is being carried out in taking this restoration work forward.

"I am pleased to say that the council has worked very closely with DS Properties to help protect and enhance this historic property, which remains a very important part of Barry's and Wales' industrial heritage."

"This is an appropriate, creative and innovative way of regenerating an old building and bringing it back to life, which meets the needs and uses of a modern audience.

"When finished, the Pumphouse will further contribute to the ongoing regeneration of the area and should act as a catalyst for further investment in the Waterfront."

Simon Baston, of DS Properties, said: "Converting old buildings, especially listed properties, is always an enormous challenge, but they offer the exciting opportunity to create totally unique and inspirational places and spaces for people to live, work in and visit.

"This is the case with the Pumphouse, where after six months of works, we are now starting to see the fruits of our hard work and investment.

"I am very confident that when completed, we will have saved the property for many generations and established the Pumphouse as an inspirational and iconic venue that will play a key part in the revitalisation of Barry's Waterfront."

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by **Jane Hutt** AM *(Minister for Finance)*

ASSEMBLY, COUNCIL AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WORKING TOGETHER

It's good news week for regeneration across Barry town and the Island!

AS well as the excellent developments on Barry Island – as a result of the Welsh Government and Vale Council working with Barry Island businesses – there has been investment in the regeneration of Barry across the town, with further announcements this week.

It is worth taking stock of the Welsh Government investment that has taken place in the regeneration of Barry since April 1, 2010 – with £9.8m spent on over 40 projects.

One of the first projects was new street lighting in Gibbonsdown, which was a strong priority for the local community, followed by the new Iolo Park play area and the Western play area in Cadoxton.

The re-development of Gibbonsdown children's centre was a great boost for the area and the investment in Barry YMCA Hub and Bro Radio benefits the whole town.

Lesley Griffiths AM, the Minister for communities and tackling poverty, visited Barry on Tuesday for the opening of the Gibbonsdown Hub in Aberaeron Close – supported by £105,000 of Welsh Government funding – as part of the £1m allocated from the Welsh Government Tackling Poverty Fund.

I was delighted to meet Molly Conway at the opening, who has been at the forefront of so many developments in Gibbonsdown, including one of the great success projects of Barry regeneration – the splash pool in Pencoedtre Park.

It was also excellent to greet Tracey Downes, who is taking forward 'All Youth Matters' activities in the centre.

The Minister also visited Castleland community centre and drop-in centre, which hosts a wide variety of activities thanks to Big Lottery and Welsh Government funding via the Community Facilities and Activities Project Fund.

We met 'The Healthy Heart Group' at the centre, and were pleased to hear about ongoing activities such as the Castaways Club, which is a lifeline for many elderly people in the Vale. The garden opposite the centre is a haven in the heart of Barry and well worth a visit.

The Castleland housing renewal area has received £2.5m since 2011, with a further £3.5m allocated.

This will result in 1,200 homes being improved and Castleland streets transformed, alongside the quality affordable housing provided by Newydd Housing on the former Magistrates' Court site.

Up the road, the £5m Golau Caredig is providing 'five-star' homes for people with support and extra care, and is already a venue for many activities in the community.

And there is more good news for Barry – this week, Communities Minister Lesley Griffiths AM announced £842,857 for the further regeneration of the town centre. The first project set to benefit from the funding is on High Street, with the completion of the Cwrt Bethesda site as affordable housing, while 35 High Street will be refurbished for retail use on the ground floor and residential use on the upper floor.

Key sites on Holton Road, including Haydock House, will also be redeveloped, creating 22 new apartments, as well as retail space.

Such improvements will encourage economic growth in Barry and make it a more diverse, vibrant and attractive place to live and visit.

With the announcement by Deputy Minister for food and farming Rebecca Evans of EU rural funding at the Royal Welsh Show, including an allocation for the Vale alongside Barry regeneration investment, the whole of the Vale will benefit from investment from the Welsh Government in partnership with the

£4m for patient care and access to health services

A TOTAL of £4 million is being invested to improve patient care and access to health services in Cardiff and the Vale.

Money will be allocated to improve services in a variety of community settings including expansion of community nursing and the introduction of wellbeing coordinators to help signpost people to relevant services, a spokesperson revealed.

It would also be used to provide additional access to pharmacy advice to manage patient medications and repeat prescriptions in GP practices and in patients own homes.

Specific funding has also been set aside to meet the health needs of newly-arrived asylum-seekers in Wales.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is using the Welsh Government funding to recruit extra staff to deliver the improvements, explained Sue Morgan, Deputy Director of primary, community and mental health at Cardiff and Vale UHB.

"With increasing pressures on primary and community care services across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, this funding will enable us to target areas that require additional capacity, so we can continue to deliver a local health service that is reflective of the needs of the community."

Free summer play schemes

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First, in partnership with Vale Sports and Play, are running two free summer play schemes for young people aged four to 11, including activities such as sports, arts and crafts and outdoor play.

The first play scheme will run Tuesday, August 4 to Thursday, August 6 at 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm at Holm View Leisure Centre, Skomer Road, Barry.

The second play scheme will run on Tuesday, August 18 to Thursday, August 20 at 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm at Jenner Park Primary School.

Alternative arrangements will be required if children are attending a morning and afternoon session as lunch and supervision is not provided during the lunch hour.

If you live in a Barry Communities First area *which includes parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown, contact 01446 709432 to book a place. If you live outside these areas, contact the Vale Play Team on 01446 704809.*

HEALTH BOARD WINS NHS WALES AWARD!

THE Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has won an NHS Wales Award.

Its work with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Velindre NHS Trust to develop a dedicated service for patients with cancer associated thrombosis has won the Promoting Clinical Research and Application Award (supported by BMA Cymru Wales).

The service has been developed in partnership for patients with cancer associated thrombosis and is helping to improve care, safety and wellbeing.

Raz Azram, Consultant Haematologist at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "We are ecstatic to win this award as it reflects five years of work and research into cancer associated thrombosis.

"This research is enabling us to improve the service for patients and we now have up to 30 staff across the partner organisations working together to deliver better clinical care."

Local mums top of Welsh league – *for flu prevention*

MORE mums-to-be in the ABMU area had the flu jab last winter than in any other part of Wales, a survey has found.

Public Health Wales has published a report covering the uptake of both flu and pertussis vaccination in pregnant women in Wales during the 2014-15 season.

It was based on a survey of postnatal wards over the course of one week this year.

The take-up of the flu vaccine among pregnant women in the ABMU Health Board area was found to be the best in Wales.

Now the hope is to repeat or even improve on this success when the new campaign gets under way this autumn.

Sarah Ace-Howells, from Gorseinon, had the flu jab while pregnant with her first child during the previous year's campaign.

Her daughter Gwen, who celebrated her first birthday last month, was born weighing a healthy 8lb 0.5oz. Sarah said:

"Midwives promoted the importance of having the flu vaccination as it didn't just protect me but also my unborn baby, who would continue to be protected after birth.

"It's a personal choice but going by my own experiences I would advise it – there is no reason to be concerned."

A woman's immune system becomes less effective during pregnancy, so viruses like the flu can cause serious problems to mother and baby.

These include mothers having severe infections; babies being born prematurely; a low birth weight; and, sadly, stillbirths or the baby dying within the first weeks of life.

The Public Health Wales survey found ABMU had an 80.9 per cent uptake – the highest in Wales. Hywel Dda had the second-best performance with 76 per cent, followed by Aneurin Bevan at 75 per cent.

ABMU's Public Health Director, Sara Hayes, said: "I was really pleased with our performance, which is down to midwives and GPs being very supportive of the programme."

Details about flu vaccination for pregnant women can be found on website: http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/page/69550

Appeal after gentle Jack is abandoned

Jack was abandoned by his owner.

DOGS Trust Bridgend is appealing to local dog lovers to help find a loving home for an unwanted dog, abandoned outside the Bridgend Designer Outlet Centre.

The dog was left with a typed note requesting strangers to take him to a dogs' home.

The note, which was hung around his neck by a piece of string, read simply: *"My Name is Jack, my master can no longer look after me, please contact the dogs home"*.

The sweet-natured terrier was confused and suffering from kennel cough when he was found, but fortunately thanks to a kind passer-by he did find his way to Dogs Trust and is now recovering from the ordeal.

Seven-year-old Jack has since undergone veterinary treatment and plenty of TLC from the staff at Dogs Trust Bridgend and is now looking for the loving new home which he deserves.

Dogs Trust Bridgend Supporter Relations Officer Linda Feagan, commented: "We were shocked that anyone could abandon such a gentle dog.

"He is a sweet-natured boy who can live with older children and a compatible dog. He is a super little chap and he would make a fantastic pet in the right home."

Anyone interested in rehoming Jack please call Dogs Trust Bridgend on 0300 303 0292. or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Ty Hafan lottery

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D888.

The Rollover, which now stands at £3,500, was not won this week.

● **£2,000:** 380206.

● **£10:** 487392, 530086, 145088, 405292, 121969, 452338, 829290, 200266, 214059, 716062, 657296, 131418, 587492, 825537, 596986, 527261, 559878, 508014, 679604, 1518.

● **£5:** 467715, 938428, 866016, 281285, 679371, 942996, 913959, 350423, 136945, 280701, 513496, 247868, 305923, 966492, 514975, 814720, 545046, 564126, 524357, 306826, 658095, 102494, 754599 561625, 415383, 599663, 290500, 890587, 536014, 222201, 748206, 712095, 936413, 741985, 922991, 272818, 855649, 516544, 775810, 402681, 682223, 483974, 183681, 650176, 216850, 816931, 126082, 389439, 792484, 176900, 284095, 157640, 162878, 739862, 810118, 412287, 324587, 892796, 244268, 1453.

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Health board is overwhelmed after call for volunteers

ABOVE: Staff and volunteers at the information centre in Llandough with volunteer service manager Michelle Fowler.

WHEN Cardiff and Vale University Health Board put out a plea for volunteers, it was "overwhelmed" by the response from the local community.

During National Volunteers week (June 1-7), the health board began a call to action to recruit new volunteers, which resulted in over 50 applications, a spokeswoman reported.

"The volunteers not only help out in hospitals, but also in the local community, helping to deliver a number of services to residents in their homes.

"Open days were held at University Hospital of Wales Cardiff and University Hospital Llandough, where people could come along and chat to staff and volunteers about their experience of helping in a health care setting."

COMMUNITIES MINISTER IN VISIT TO CASTLELAND

***RIGHT: Communities and Tackling Poverty Minister Lesley Griffiths and local Assembly Member Jane Hutt visited volunteers at the Drop-In Centre Development Trust at Castleland Community Centre on Tuesday, July 21.* PHOTOGRAPH by JOHN O'BEIRNE valepresspix @lineone.net**

IN the week that Communities and Tackling Poverty Minister, Lesley Griffiths announced that Barry would benefit to the tune of £842,857 in regeneration funding, she visited a community in the town centre.

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, said: "I was pleased to join the Minister on a visit to Castleland Community Centre and Drop-In Centre which hosts a wide variety of activities thanks to Welsh Government and Big Lottery funding.

"One organisation which makes regular use of the centre is the Castaways Club, which is a lifeline for many elderly people in the Vale."

The Minister and Assembly Member spent time talking to the Drop-In Centre manager Eileen Moore and local volunteers.

(For more on Barry's regeneration funding, turn to page 4).

Garden is open to the public

THE following garden will be open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

Knightsbridge, 21 Monmouth Way, Boverton, Llantwit Major, CF61 2GT:

A Japanese garden with a Zen gate, Torri gate and Japanese lanterns featuring a large collection of Japanese style trees, which include an English elm, oak, larch, a pagoda and two water features.

Opening information: Sunday, August 2 (11am–5pm). Admission £3, child admitted free. Home-made teas.

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Young Callum hands Leigh a WRU badge!

WELSH rugby star Leigh Halfpenny enjoyed an afternoon with children and families at Tŷ Hafan hospice for children in Wales – when he called in for a visit at Sully on Sunday.

A spokeswoman reported that ambassador for the charity, Leigh, spent time with all the children and got involved with a sports activity, where he hula-hooped, knocked down some skittles and even enjoyed a mini water fight!

He also helped by picking the charity's summer raffle winners and filmed a short clip wishing Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Runners luck for its colourful fundraising event in Aberdare.

Among the families who enjoyed his company was Callum Sainsbury, his mum Amie, and dad Paul, from Brynmawr.

Amie said: "Callum wore his Wales top especially, and gave Leigh a WRU pin badge as a present. Leigh was fantastic with all the families and even spoke to my cousin over the phone to wish her a happy birthday, and signed a card for her, which she was delighted with!"

Three-year-old Callum suffers from Ohtahara syndrome – a rare epilepsy condition – and was referred to Tŷ Hafan in 2013.

Amie added: "Leigh is a brilliant ambassador for Tŷ Hafan and it meant so much that we were able to meet him. He is such an amazing person and his girlfriend was really nice as well. Their visit really made everyone's day."

Leigh Halfpenny has been an ambassador for Ty Hafan since November 2013 and supports the charity's work, including organising a charity raffle – giving fans the chance to win some of his rugby items – on his website www.leighhalfpenny.com

AM briefed on Aberthaw plans

The AM with Lafarge and Natural Resources Wales representatives.

LAFARGE Tarmac has updated the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, on its investment plans for the Aberthaw cement plant.

"The meeting was constructive and positive. I was pleased to hear about the company's community engagement plan, its commitment to making environmental improvements and being a good neighbour, which I am monitoring with regular updates and meetings," she commented.

AWARDS FOR BUDDING SCHOOL GARDENERS

VALE nursery and primary schoolchildren gathered at Dyffryn Gardens on a glorious summer afternoon recently for a schools competition, part of the Village of the Year Award.

Judges praised the children, parents and teachers for their hard work, and in the school gardens saw splendid fruit and veg, and extensive recycling; but it was the enthusiasm and knowledge of such young children that could not fail to impress.

Small children knew the names of the plants and flowers, of insects, moths and butterflies. One judge had been invited to stroke a slug.

Winners were:

Nursery section – 1st, Cadoxton; 2nd Bute Cottage; Special Merit award to Cogan Nursery.

Primary school section – 1st Eagleswell; 2nd Wick and Marcross; Special Merit award to Cadoxton Primary.

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Out and About with The GEM

Bingo afternoon

THE management committee at the Community Hall in Stewart Road, Rhoose, is holding a bingo afternoon this Saturday (July 25) at the hall. Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start. Light refreshments will be served at the half time break, plus a raffle.

Penarth Open Gardens trail

THE 19th Penarth Open Gardens trail takes place this Saturday from 10am – 6pm, and on Sunday (from 11am – 5pm).

There are eight gardens and private allotments open as follows:

164 Redlands Road, Penarth, Sat/Sun; 68 Redlands Road, Sat only; 77 Coleridge Avenue, Sat/Sun; 1 Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road Sat/Sun; 23 Knowbury Avenue, Sat/Sun; 135 Plymouth Road, Sat only; the children's garden at the public library, Stanwell Road, Sat only; private allotments between 63 – 65 Westbourne Road, Sat only; and 4 Tudor Close, Westbourne Road, Sat/Sun.

Admission by Rover ticket, £5 inc (tea/coffee at no 4) may be purchased at any of the gardens, children admitted free.

All proceeds go to the Children's Society.

Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding their next local beach clean at the Knap beach this Sunday, July 26, at 3pm.

More volunteers are needed to keep local beaches clean and tidy.

For further information, log onto www.fobb.btck.co.uk.

Charity sale

THERE will be a One Price sale in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, July 29, from 2pm – 3.30pm.

All items 50p. Proceeds to charity. Great bargains to be found.

Romans talk

RHOOSE and District History Society's next meeting is on Friday, July 31, at 7.30pm in the lesser hall (side entrance) of Rhoose Community hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.

Dr Edith Evans will speak on 'The Romans in the Vale of Glamorgan'. All are welcome; £1 per person entry to cover costs.

Valeways walks

Saturday, August 1, at 10.30am, 'Lighthouse, Coast and College', starts at Nash Point car park.

Tuesday, August 4 at 10am, 'Crwydro', Ynys y Barri/Barry Island, starting at Coffee Cove Cafe.

Wednesday, August 5 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre. Also on August 5 at 1pm, 'Walk and Click' from Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

'Love Parks Week' events at Bryngarw

POND dipping, nature trails and a seasonal walk are among the family-friendly events being planned at Bryngarw Country Park near Bridgend to celebrate this year's 'Love Park Week' (July 24–August 2).

It starts with the Welsh basket-makers south Wales group's exhibition in the visitor centre on July 24-26.

On July 27, families can help Ranger Beth feed the ducks at 10am and from 2pm–4pm, volunteers can help rid Bryngarw of Himalayan balsam, a highly invasive species spreading across the park.

The park rangers will be running a pond dipping session from 11am to 12.30pm on Tuesday, July 28 and on Wednesday, July 29, 'Wild Wednesdays' activities begin with children learning how to weave butterflies and dragon flies from willow.

Families can follow a nature trail around the park on July 30 from 10am–12pm.

Finally, on Friday, July 31, visitors discover the wonders of the park by joining Ranger Dan for a free seasonal nature walk from the visitor centre at 11am.

Countdown to music festival

COWBRIDGE Music Festival celebrates its sixth year on September 17–25, with nine concerts, more than 40 musicians, two days of masterclasses and five school performances.

Opening the nine-day musical feast is cello octet Cellophony, whose critically acclaimed debut *Vibrez* was released last autumn.

CMF's Young Artist for 2015 is 16-year-old Cardiff violinist Charlie Lovell-Jones. After acing his Grade 8 exam at the age of nine, he went on to lead the National Children's Orchestra for three years, and as a soloist has appeared with the BBC NOW and English Chamber Orchestra.

Clarinettist Julian Bliss makes two appearances at this year's festival, the first in collaboration with Irish soprano Ailish Tynan, winner of the Rosenblatt Prize at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World; the second a celebration of Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms with his acclaimed Latin-jazz septet.

Founded in Geneva in 2009, Camerata Alma Viva string ensemble breaks the barriers of the traditional concert, inspired by Gabor Takacs and the Hungarian School of quartet-playing.

The festival takes its first steps into singer-songwriter territory this year with 20-year-old Greta Isaac from Cowbridge, whose first EP, *Down by the Water,* received wide acclaim and embodies her love of folk and Americana.

London-based Alice Zawadzki, jazz singer, composer and violinist brings to Cowbridge her latest project *Songs To The Moon*.

Lunar-themed material spanning folkloric music, classical lyricism and spacious jazz will be brought to life by guitarist Alex Roth and cellist Alice Purton.

In a separate patrons' concert on November 12, violinist and CMF patron Nicola Benedetti will perform with her trio: pianist Alexei Grynyuk and cellist Leonard Elschenbroich.

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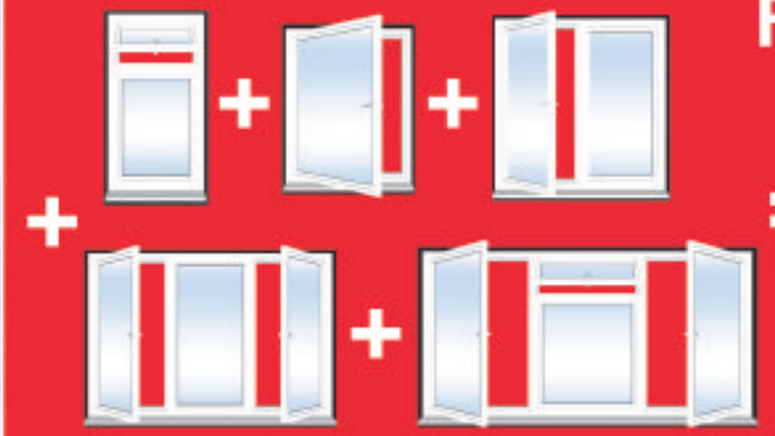

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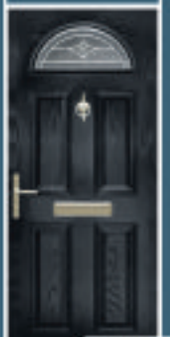

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WITH A 'FIZZY FEEL' AND A SENSE OF FUN, ANT-MAN IS A GIGANTIC SUCESS!

by GARETH JAMIESON
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THE Marvel universe seems to be a pretty satisfying place to make a film, so it was surprising that, with only weeks until filming, *Ant-Man's* director Edgar Wright departed the project; even more surprising was the hiring of Peyton Reed to replace him, a man known for the likes of comedies *Bring It On* and *Yes Man* – not quite what Marvel are known for.

However, the wisdom of this decision can now be judged as *Ant-Man* hits screens, seeing Scott Lang (Paul Rudd), a thief looking to go straight, hired by inventor Hank Pym (Michael Douglas) to pull off a heist, with the aid of a suit designed to shrink the wearer to the size of a – you guessed it – ant, have the ability to command the creatures, and have super-strength.

In Pym's sights is Darren Cross (Corey Stoll), who has taken Pym's company from him; with Pym's daughter Hope (Evangeline Lily) training Lang, will this unlikely hero save the day?

With the change of director, and with Paul Rudd and Adam McKay (director of *Anchorman*) redrafting the script (although Edgar Wright and Joe Cornish do retain a scriptwriting credit), this is the first Marvel film to have experienced the infamous 'creative differences' in the full glare of the public eye.

Not that you would guess from the finished product, however; *Ant-Man* is a Marvel film through and through, yet it manages to be one of the most enjoyable offerings from the studio, aimed at a slightly younger audience than its fellow films and while not flawless, makes for a thoroughly satisfying effort.

There are definite signposts of Edgar Wright's script, and even elements of his directing style, present in the film, but plenty of credit must be given to Peyton Reed who, as the choice no-one saw coming, fell into the project with very little time, yet who has helped to craft something that doesn't lack in fun.

The powers of Ant-Man himself mean that the film offers something new and different visually, and Reed embraces that element, with things such as drips of water and ants themselves being superbly realised as Lang gets to grips with his shrinking powers.

He also takes the prize for creating what is possibly the finest action climax in Marvel films so far, a battle that drips with verve, style, invention – and Thomas The Tank Engine.

Tonally, it plays differently to previous Marvel films, more akin to *Guardians of the Galaxy* than *Iron Man*, and not just because of the 'heist movie' set up giving the film a different dynamic; as alluded to earlier, it plays a little younger, no bad thing at all when it's this much fun, while there is a greater level of comedy at play amidst the contractually-obligated moments of dramatic exposition and links to the wider Marvel universe.

The cast are very strong, Paul Rudd excelling in the lead role; as the audience's gateway into this world, his Lang is a loveable rogue, and the actor plays the role pitch perfectly, while Michael Douglas, as the wizened and slightly worn Pym, lends gravitas and heart in equal measure.

Evangeline Lily fits the bill as Pym's daughter, with more than a hint that her future could involve a costume at some point, but Corey Stoll, unfortunately, is lumbered with a dud of a villain in Cross.

Un-engaging, drawn from cliché and lacking any real build-up, Stoll is unable to wring any more out of the character than what is on the page.

The villain is one of a few flaws in the film; there are a few moments where too much is played for laughs, where the heightened stakes lose tension in a rush to elbow in a gag or two, while Scott's gang of fellow criminals feels like a comedic concession too far.

That said, with its fizzy feel and sense of fun, *Ant-Man* makes for a gigantic success; with an end-of-credits scene hinting that he'll become part of the larger Marvel universe sooner rather than later, this is a wonderful introduction to the character.

VERDICT: A 'Marvel'-lous film, *AntMan* is a hugely pleasing superhero film that ticks all the boxes.

Though its villain is undercooked in the extreme, everything else on show makes for an enjoyable and entertaining viewing experience, while Peyton Reed silences the doubters with strong direction.

Highly recommended.

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WHAT'S ON/ in brief

Holiday fun

THE Vale Council's sports and play development team is organising a family fun day, supported by Barry Town Council this Friday, July 24, from 11am to 3pm at King's Square and Central Park, Barry.

It will include athletics, mini golf, badminton, arts and crafts, giant outdoor games, den building and a homemade photo booth.

WIs celebrate

THE Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes is holding its annual show on Saturday (July 25) (from 10am – 5pm) at North Cornelly Community Centre.

The WI is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organisation.

All the classes celebrate 'Our Century in Song', as well as craft, cookery, preserves, art and floral exhibits.

Tickets £2.50, are available at the door, and all are welcome.

St Baruc's choir stars in Gwyl Fach y Fro

SATURDAY, July 11, saw the hugely successful launch of the Little Vale Festival (*Gwyl Fach y Fro*) at Barry Island's new outdoor performance area at the east end of the promenade.

The crowds enjoyed a sunny, windy day of music from seven school choirs and other performers, including the exciting 13-piece jazz-band Wonderbrass.

Sant Baruc's school choir, conducted by Mrs Delwen Williams, sang a popular programme of Welsh songs in harmony, including the much-loved 'Calon Lan'.

This first Little Vale Festival was celebrating Welsh music in the Vale, one of the Barry Island Weekenders events in 2015 – and also part of the Vale's Welsh language initiative, '*Menter Bro Morgannwg*', aiming to promote Welsh culture and language in the county.

For information on their year-long programme of gigs, comedy evenings, social events, storytimes, and all kinds of sporting activities, visit the website: www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru.

WI garden partygoers braved the weather!

ON July 8, about 800 members of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes donned their best outfits with stunning hats, and made their way to Margam Park, Port Talbot for a special garden party.

It was just one of the exciting events hosted this year by the Federation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation in Wales and England and the Channel Islands.

The celebrations started in January and have included a lunch and flower demonstration, a moving Service of Thanksgiving in Llandaff Cathedral, fashion shows and a demonstration day, which showcased some of the many WI skills.

The garden party at Margam Park braved inclement weather and members were able to sit in the Orangery and enjoy its spectacular setting. Some made use of a specially-erected marquee and others had their picnics under the restored arches of the Chapter House.

The afternoon was a huge success despite the weather and members are now looking forward to attending more celebratory events throughout the summer and autumn, which culminate in the traditional Festival of Carols in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea in December. ***JE***

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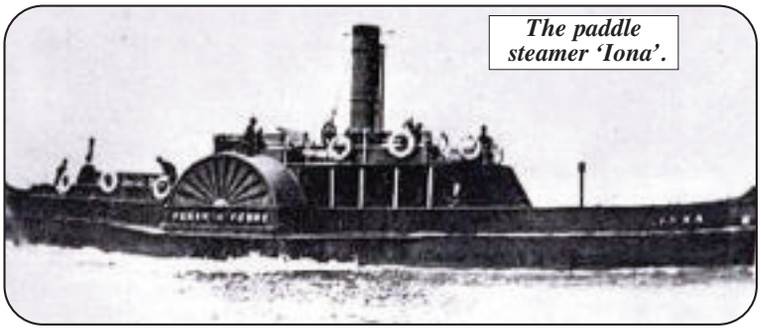

The paddle steamer 'Iona'.

*LOCAL historian, **BRIAN KEITCH,** continues his series of articles, looking back at Penarth 150 years ago, when the docks were opened.*

TRAVEL 150 years ago could be quite a bit of fun, but Penarth still had to wait another 13 years for the first passenger train.

The line to Barry was even further away – some 22 years hence. And as far as Penarth Pier was concerned – a wait of a staggering 40 years!

There was help at hand. The main obstacle in getting to Cardiff was water – the Afon Elai/River Ely. It is often said that the town of Penarth has kept its separate identity over the years because of this natural barrier.

However, up popped the Penarth Ferry which ran to and from Penarth Dock entrance to the Pier Head in Cardiff dockland. When the tide allowed the little paddle steamer *Kate* went back and fore every 20 minutes – the fare? – 2d (less than 1p today).

The company that set up the Penarth Ferry (which was to last for almost 50 years) was the Cardiff Steam Navigation Company. *Kate* was a double-ended paddle steamer (with rudders both fore and aft), was 40 tons and had a capacity for 227 passengers.

In 1867, the business passed to Robert Easthope with the support of Valentine Trayes. With business booming they acquired the small twin scew vessel *La Belle Marie*, which like the *Kate* hailed from John Payne and Co, from Bristol.

Another change of hands ensued in 1883, when Henry James Vellacott of Penarth snapped up the shares. Thus it became the Penarth Steam Ferry Company Ltd. The fleet was immediatly enhanced with the purchase of the *Iona* – another double-ender of some 64 tons and 91 feet in length.

In 1893, a second larger paddle steamer – also with the name of *Kate* arrived – of 99 tons built of steel by Mc Arthur and Company at Paisley. By this time, plans were afoot to construct a subway under the River Ely and by May 1900, the link had been completed.

Thomas Morel took up the reins with just the *Iona* (by which time all the other boats had been sold on), but with fast excursion steamers operating from the now-opened Penarth Pier (along with trains, Soloman Andrews omnibuses etc) the Penarth ferry faded away in October 1903.

But back to 1865. A chain ferry could get you from Penarth to Ferry Road (hence the name still today) but it was then a fair old trek into Cardiff. The Penarth Ferry landed the traveller at the hub of packet and coastal steamer services at the Pier Head pontoons.

Ships from the Bute West Docks, Bute East Docks and the Glamorganshire Canal wharves sailed all around the British coastal ports, all over Europe and – the world!

All this on the doorstep was thanks to the Penarth Ferry!

One popular destination for south Walians was Bristol (curiously called the 'Queen of south Wales'). In 1865, the steamer to catch was the *Velindra*. This paddle steamer introduced a new standard of travel to the packet ships. She was throughout her career of 37 years one of the most popular ships on the channel.

To this day, there is a public house in Bristol that bears her name (in Commercial Street, near to Bathurst Basin – where the ship used to call).

She was on this Cardiff – Bristol run from 1860 until 1867, when she became one of the Pockett fleet in Swansea where her popularity flourished.

Velindra still visited Bristol under Pockett's, but was to be found doing excursion work at resorts and ports all around south Wales and the west country until 1897, when the now-ageing paddler was replaced by the ex-railway steamer, the *Brighton*. *Velindra* met her end at the breakers in Clevedon in 1898.

Other popular destinations in those early years in Penarth were Burnham, Bridgewater and of course Weston. Tugs often took excursionists in the summer months to various locations too – Flat Holm being popular because there was a pub there.

Then there was the railway. If Penarth still had a few years to get on the map for passengers – the ferry was just a few hundred yards from Cardiff Docks station on the Taff Vale Railway (now Bae Caerdydd/Cardiff Bay). 1865 was also the year that the Cowbridge Railway opened.

So how about a sojourn to Cowbridge then? No problem – the train from Cardiff Docks took you to Trefforest or Pontypridd where the Taff Vale Railway had a branch to Llantrisant (now Pontyclun) at which point the traveller could change trains to Cowbridge! But still it was another 10 years wait for passenger trains to start this route!

It was possible to go via the Great Western Railway – but you would need a GW ticket as well as a Taff Vale one. London was now a destination of the Great Western Railway (Great Way Round) but would require going via Gloucester because the Severn Tunnel was still years away.

An alternative was to use the New Passage from Portskewett to the Gloucester side of the channel (if you fancied risking the often precarious ferry across the Severn!). Most folk, it seems, preferred to take the *Velindra* direct to Bristol (with well appointed cabins, dining facilities – including a female stewardess!) and on to London on Brunel's broad-gauge railway.

Although Cardiff was fast expanding in the 1860s, Bristol had been the established market city on the Mor Hafren/Severn Sea and – thanks to sea-charts, the Bristol Channel from around the 16th century.

Travel back in 1865 was in many ways so different – yet it is still possible to follow in the much the same footsteps. *M.V. Balmoral* is once again plying to Bristol. Cardiff Bay Station is now a shuttle service to Queen Street. Gone, however is the slow train from Pontypridd to Cowbridge (and later Aberthaw).

The pier at Burnham quietly rotted away (once a through ferry/rail route from Cardiff to Bournemouth) and Weston Birnbeck Pier seems about to fall into the sea. But of course back one 150 years ago there was still the reliable steed to ride about the Vale.

Happy days!

TASTER SESSIONS

THERE will be a freerunning and parkour taster session at Barry Leisure Centre on Wednesday, July 29 at 4pm – 5.30pm, for youngsters aged 16 and under who would like to get involved in these sports.

This taster session costs £1 for everyone and will be run by experienced and qualified coaches who will take attendees through the basics of freerunning and parkour.

Further weekly sessions run every Wednesday which will cost £3 per person, with a discounted rate of £1 for those in the Communities First areas, which include parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

For more information, contact Andrew Cronin on 07561 212969.

Autism fun day is given £900 boost from company

PERSIMMON Homes East Wales has handed £900 to the Cardiff and Vale branch of the National Autistic Society, towards the group's fun day at Palmerston Adult Centre on September 5 in Barry.

Tracy Lewis of the branch said: "This is brilliant news. We had been struggling for funding for our fun day, so this generous donation from Persimmon Homes East Wales is a huge boost.

"This will be a fun day for parents and carers affected daily by living with a child or adult on the autistic spectrum.

"Life can be very difficult at times for families dealing with autism. This will be a day of happiness for the whole family to enjoy bouncy castles, stalls and shows."

Victoria Williams of Persimmon Homes said: "We're delighted to be able to hand over this money to the Cardiff and Vale National Autistic Society Branch to help towards their fun day.

"I'm sure it will be a great day for families in Barry who are affected by autism."

Vale Council's plans to entertain during holidays

THE Vale Council's family information service has put together a huge programme of all the activities taking place for children and young people in the Vale this summer.

There are hundreds of activities and schemes being organised by various providers throughout the Vale during the summer holiday period, including holiday childcare schemes, free sports and leisure activities, and events across the Vale's libraries.

The council's play development team will be running a number of free play schemes in venues across the Vale, which will also include sports sessions such as badminton, football, tennis and volleyball.

The disability teen scheme is also running at Cadoxton Moors Community Centre for young people aged 12 to 19 for only £5 per day.

Further to this, there will be a huge range of activities being offered by various other centres and organisations across the county.

Leisure centres in Barry, Llantwit Major and Penarth will be offering free swimming activities such as rookie lifeguard sessions, fun inflatables, and water polo, and there will be free tennis sessions available at Penarth Windsor Lawn Tennis Club, Llantwit Major tennis courts, and Romilly Park.

In August, the Heritage Coast Centre will be hosting a sand sculpture competition on Dunraven bay at just £3 per team, and the Seaside Rangers will be hosting the Marine Wildlife Club for juniors, with a two-hour session costing £4.50 per child.

And St Donat's Arts Centre will be hosting a sing-along cinema session at £3.50 per child featuring the Disney spectacle *Frozen*, as well as archery sessions, a medieval knights and princesses craft workshop, and a magic workshop with magician Simon Sparkles, all at £8.50 per person.

Also on offer are a series of Go Wild events across the Vale's Country Parks, as well as the Medieval Mystery activities at Cosmeston Medieval Village.

A full programme with all dates, times, prices and contact details is available online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis.

For more information contact the Family Information Service on 01446 704704, or email fis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. You can also keep up to date with what's going on by searching Vale Family Information Service on Facebook or following @ValeFIS on Twitter.

Dyffryn Gardens bidding for a top national title

DYFFRYN GARDENS at St Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan won the public's vote in a competition run by the National Trust Wales.

The Trust launched its major summer campaign in May to find the most-loved place in Wales and after weeks of voting the shortlist saw Dyffryn Gardens win the title in the parks and gardens category.

"They need your vote now more than ever to secure the overall title for Wales' favourite special place," a spokesperson said.

Last year saw Penarth Pier and Pavilion being crowned the final winner. Dyffryn and four other places have been shortlisted and they will now go on to battle it out to be the overall winner.

Staff and volunteers are asking the public to vote either at Dyffryn; via social media using #lleoeddarbennig / #specialplaces; or using the voting app on Wales Online and @NTWales Facebook – ahead of the closing date on August 4.

Geraldine Donovan, Dyffryn's general manager said: "We are thrilled to have won our category. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who voted for us. It really couldn't have come at a better time for us. We have just finished restoring three of the major garden 'rooms' at Dyffryn and the gardens are improving dramatically year on year and obviously the public thinks so too.

"It is such a pleasure to have been shortlisted and we would love to take home the prize of being the overall champion. It doesn't matter if you have already voted as the scores are reset to zero. We need everyone's help to take home the trophy so please get voting!"

Dyffryn was backed by TV presenter Matt Johnson, who said: "We are so lucky to have such beautiful green spaces in Wales, and it's easy to see why Dyffryn Gardens stole the hearts of the nation to win this category.

"Being able to drive just 20 minutes from a busy capital and step into a world-renowned garden isn't something we can say about every country, and that's why it should take the top prize in my books. It really does have a place in the nation's heart and I'm confident it will come out on top in August. So get voting people, we have two weeks to win this."

To get behind Team Dyffryn and vote for them to win, simply Tweet, Facebook or Instagram 'Dyffryn Gardens' using #lleoeddarbennig / #specialplaces @NTWales or vote on Wales Online here: bit.ly/1E77Qlq on Facebook here: //on.fb.me/1KJqw6g.

Fibromyalgia advice session

FIBROMYALGIA will be discussed at an Age Connects Cardiff and Vale health topic session on August 4 (10am to 12 midday) at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

A health care professional will be available to answer questions on practical, emotional and support services that are available.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information. No appointment is needed.

MASONS

MASONS – a Barry family business that has stood the test of time...

RIGHT: Innovation is a big part of the Masons' story – here's the latest, a storage 'pod' delivered to a customer's house. The customer loads the pod and Masons will then pick it up and return it safely to storage.

MASONS Moving Group Ltd is a family business that has stood the test of time – from the days of the humble horse and cart in 1905, to the present day as an international group dealing in removals, flexible storage, packaging supplies, and vehicles criss-crossing countries to relocate people and offices.

The Masons' group of businesses, which also includes The Business Centre, is located at Priority Enterprise Park, just off Cardiff Road in Barry (not far from the McDonald's roundabout). It moved its head office to the present site in the 1980s.

The company is run by Eric and Esme Mason's sons Gordon, Richard, and Brett – with a fourth generation of family members already on the horizon.

Over the years Masons has helped to move the homes and businesses of thousands of people in the UK and abroad.

Gordon Mason has always been determined to innovate and create new areas of business.

"We started the first container storage in the Vale of Glamorgan. Later on, the first self storage in the Vale, and eight years ago the first business centre in the area."

The family's expansion into storage facilities is an irony not lost on Gordon. "Back in the 50s my Dad used to rent out garage space in the Coldbrook yard, Cadoxton!"

Masons Self Storage

Sarah Mason recently joined her three brothers in the business as a marketing consultant for all the companies in the group.

Sarah grew up in Barry and went to university in London at the age of 20. She stayed in London for 30 years, pursuing a career in marketing, and bringing up four children. She worked as a marketing director for worldwide names such as Club Mediterranee, the Monarch Travel Group and Cosmos Tours and Cruises, and spent 10 years specialising in digital marketing.

This year she was encouraged by her mother Esme to join her brothers to ensure the Masons Group was keeping up in the fast paced digital age.

Sarah has a hectic life, splitting her time between Barry, London and the Loire Valley in France where she lives with her French husband and youngest daughter.

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MASONS 'MOVING WITH THE TIMES'

A new generation looks to the future

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Sarah emphasised that although the company was well established in removals, it has always looked to the future.

"In 1995, the Mason family saw an opportunity to further help local homes and businesses by offering secure self storage to those needing a little bit of extra space. And so the Welsh Self Storage Centre was born, later to become known as the 'Space Centre'.

"Twenty years later, we made a decision to go back to our roots. We introduced the trusted industry name of Masons to the world of self storage, and in 2015 not only are we proud to unveil our refurbished, state-of-the-art self storage facility, but also a unique mobile self storage service and a packing supplies shop – all under one roof and under the name Masons Self Storage.

"With 20 years of providing safe, flexible storage space, we're the best choice for storage and packing supplies needs in south Wales."

Self storage is often a problem-solver for people who don't have enough space for their things.

Gordon, who recently appointed John Walsh as Masons Self Storage manager, said: "There are two types of self-storage, the homeowner and businesses, and we provide facilities for both. Sometimes a business wants to house stock, rather than pay business rates.

"For homeowners, they might need self storage for items of sentimental value that they don't have space for at home. Rates are very competitive."

John said every care is taken to ensure the safety of stored items:

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"We also offer our customers a large choice of storage space sizes, from 25 square feet to 1,000 square feet, so the size people choose and how long they require it is all down to their needs. If people need more or less storage space, all they have to do is let us know and we can arrange to change it for them.

"Whatever their personal storage requirements, they choose the size, the time and we make the process easy with free parking and regular access."

Masons Packaging Supplies shop is based in the self storage unit. It has packing boxes, bubble wrap, packing paper and tape, for people who want to pack up their own items to store or in preparation for a move.

An exciting new idea is storage 'pods', part of Masons Mobile Self Storage.

Gordon explained: "Mobile self storage is a great, new, convenient storage option that Masons Self Storage now offers customers, throughout south Wales.

"Our storage units, called pods, are delivered directly to a customer's home and left with them to fill at their own pace.

"Once the customer is ready, they give us a call and we come to collect the pod. There's no hiring of vans required, no loading and unloading each time. The customer loads the pod and we do the rest."

NEW GENERATION

As you can see, the Masons Group never stands still, and the fourth generation are already making their mark on the business.

Richard Mason said: "It is great to see a fourth generation bringing new blood and ideas into the company!"

Gordon's son James is the manager of The Business Centre, which provides flexible serviced offices, and his daughter Emma joined the centre earlier this year. Brett's son Warren is an assistant transport manager in Mason's Moving Group. Richard's son Danny works as a porter on the vans.

Masons was originally founded in the early years of the last century by Sidney Mason, when he opened a shop in Main Street dealing in second hand furniture.

His son Eric, who was a fighter pilot in the Second World War, took over the reins of the company and with his wife Esme established its firm long term foundations. Eric died in 1982. Esme, now in happy retirement, served the company for an astonishing 53 years.

Family members were expected to work their way up through the company, so Gordon had to do his share of removals. He joined the company at the age of 15 out of school.

In those days, journeys between Barry and Cardiff were far from simple. It was days before the top road out of Barry and there was a novel way of getting under Biglis Bridge on the outskirts of the town.

Gordon recalled: "We had to let the van's tyres down and then pump them back up on the other side of the bridge!

"I remember doing a job in London once in the 1970s. We parked in a street with terraced houses and decided to have a break for a cup of tea, sitting on the back of the van.

"A guy came out of a house and said to us: 'You're blocking the light in my lounge.' It was Elton John!"

The company has clocked up numerous achievements in helping people 'on the move'.

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James Mason is the centre manager of The Business Centre which is based at Cardiff House, Cardiff Road, Barry.

Emma Mason has joined The Business Centre in Barry which provides flexible serviced office solutions.

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PROVIDING SELF STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Directors Richard Mason and Gordon Mason in the reception area of Masons Self Storage.

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The family was proud to help the troops in the first Iraq war by ensuring all the kit bags made it safely overseas. Masons moved Cardiff Library – and has helped a host of sporting stars and celebrities: members of the royal family, Colin Jackson, Charlotte Church, rugby stars Dan Parks, who was off to Ireland, and Filo Tiatia, when he relocated from Wales to Japan.

With its fourth generation already in place, the future is in safe hands.

For self storage options go to: www.masonsselfstorage.co.uk; for a free quote call 0800 141 3686; or email, info@masonsselfstorage.co.uk. For more information on the company, telephone 01446 733330; or go to: www.masonsmovingroup.co.uk.

ABOVE: Jim Mason and a shop assistant outside the business's first shop in Main Street, Cadoxton, in 1920.

ABOVE: The Masons' vans on the corner of Thompson Street and Merthyr Street in 1959. The company has moved thousands of people and offices over the decades.

A NOVEL WAY OF FINDING A NEW HQ!

THE Masons' group of businesses is situated in the spacious surroundings of Priority Enterprise Park, Cardiff Road, Barry.

Now the area is a hub of constant activity, but in the 1980s it was a hill covered by fields.

At the time, director Gordon Mason was keen to obtain an acre of freehold land to expand the business.

Land in Cardiff was very expensive, but the location on the outskirts of Barry seemed to offer possibilities.

Gordon explained: "It was an 11 acre site and I wanted one acre for the removals.

"Freehold land in Cardiff was 50 per cent more for commercial development.

"I jumped over a hedge with a surveyor to look at the area and thought straightaway 'This is the future!' Although, I wanted an acre, I knew there was the possibility to expand."

The business did, its future was assured – and it now covers four acres on Priority Enterprise Park, Barry.

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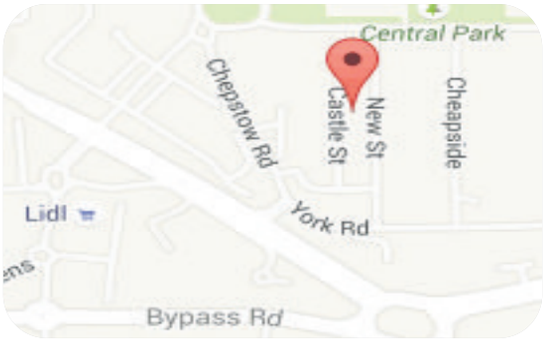

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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S POWERFUL REMINDER OF NAZI CAMP HORRORS

Eva (70) tells her moving story at Heronston

A HOLOCAUST survivor has shared her experiences with pupils from Bridgend county secondary schools.

Seventy-year-old Eva Clarke visited Heronsbridge School to share her account about how both she and her mother survived the Holocaust after the American army liberated the Mauthausen camp in Austria, when Eva was just three days old.

The testimony was followed by a question and answer session to enable pupils to understand the nature of the Holocaust better and to explore its lessons in more depth, *a spokesperson reports*.

The story of Eva's mum, Anka Bergman, and her daughter is one of astonishing survival.

Anka arrived pregnant at Auschwitz in 1944, and gave birth five months later on a cart being transported to Mauthausen, a notorious Nazi death camp. Her mother was forced to deliver her as she lay on a mass heap of dying, typhoid-ridden prisoners slung on to a wooden cart by ruthless SS officers.

Eva was so weak when she was born that she didn't cry, and weighed only 3lb. Had Anka Bergman gone into labour just 24 hours earlier, her daughter would almost certainly not be here – both of them would have been killed moments after Eva took her first breath. Luckily, Eva's arrival coincided with the collapse of the Third Reich.

Coun Hailey Townsend, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for children's social services and equalities, said: "It was a privilege for us to welcome Eva Clarke to Bridgend County Borough and her testimony remains a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced.

We hope that by hearing Eva's testimony, it will encourage our pupils to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and see where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead, and hopefully make a positive difference in their own lives.

"Educating and engaging pupils across the county borough about the Holocaust, and subsequent genocides, is vital and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor. Eva's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances.

"We will ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

The secondary schools who attended included: Archbishop McGrath, Brynteg, Bryntirion, Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Cynffig, Heronsbridge, Pencoed, Porthcawl, and Ysgol Bryn Castell.

The event also included a poem recital from Brynteg Comprehensive School pupils, which they had written especially for the Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) event which was held earlier this year in the council's Civic Offices in Bridgend.

To keep the memory alive, a tree has been planted next to a HMD plaque which is situated on the grounds of Heronsbridge School.

Remembrance stones surround the tree, each with a message from the schools present.

The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's outreach programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Student nurse is honoured after 'exceptional' service with Bridgend nursing team

ABOVE: Sian Gibbon (second left) with Andrew Davies, senior education and contracting manager; Nicky Genders, head of the university's school of care sciences; and Martin Steggall, Dean of Faculty, life sciences and education.

STUDENT nurse Sian Gibbon has picked up a special award in recognition of her outstanding behaviour in responding to a challenging situation.

Sian was honoured by the University of South Wales, where she is studying for a degree in nursing, after being nominated by community staff nurse Jane Williams, of Bridgend locality community nursing team.

Jane said Sian's positive reaction to a particularly difficult and sensitive situation involving one of her patients during her time spent on rotation in the community earned her nomination.

She said: "Sian is exceptional and an asset to the university. She showed compassion, understanding and ability in helping the registered staff with the patient and the patient's family."

Sian was congratulated during a special student recognition event at the university in Pontypridd but she says many of the skills she has exhibited are down to the example set by her mentors during her time on placement with the community team and at Princess of Wales Hospital.

She said: "Every mentor I have had has been just what a mentor should be. I look up to them and I learn from them. They really love their jobs."

Sian (35) of Whitchurch in Cardiff, has just completed the first year of her degree course after switching careers from being a dental nurse.

"I did enjoy my old job but I wanted to be more hands-on and wanted to be able to do more to help patients. I am thoroughly enjoying my training."

ABMU's practice education facilitator Majella Kavanagh said: "What the registered staff have been humble about is the large part they play in supporting our nursing students and making it possible for our students to react appropriately.

"The community team can congratulate themselves as Sian's response demonstrates that professional and compassionate values are being role modelled by this team."

Town to host heat

BRIDGEND is the only town in Wales to secure a place in a UK-wide competition to inspire young entrepreneurs.

Following a successful bid by Bridgend College and BCBC, the town centre will host the Welsh heat of TestTown 2015 which offers young people the chance to test out business ideas for real.

Aimed at 16 to 30 year-olds, it will be held over four days from November 17 – 21 and is organised to coincide with Global Entrepreneurship Week 2015 (November 16 – 22).

'Public were misled over LDP' – *claim*

I would like to reply to comments made by Coun Lis Burnett, Vale cabinet member for regeneration, in last week's GEM.

In the article, I highlighted the failure to examine many thousands of alternative site representations submitted by Vale residents as part of what has now been revealed to be the laughably titled 'consultation process'.

Coun Burnett appears to be claiming that a handful of minor changes in the LDP makes up for not bothering to read, rebut or approve, thousands of representations sent in by residents who had been given the false impression by herself, and the Vale LDP team, that their, in many cases highly detailed efforts, were part of a joint public and local authority initiative in openness and consultation – in order that full public engagement be an integral part of the authority's LDP process.

Despite Coun Burnett's defence that the council followed the Welsh Government's consultation process, I'm struggling to remember any mention made by herself or the Vale's LDP team during the long drawn out public consultation process that thousands of submissions presented in good faith by the public were to be filed unread and unconsidered.

In fact, during a Vale cabinet meeting held some weeks ago, Coun Burnett spent a solid five minutes praising the Vale LDP team for its work in examining the thousands of representations submitted by the public.

The only thing missing was, of course, mention that the Vale's LDP team had not in fact examined many of these representations. She must have forgotten to mention that little point during her tribute.

I would ask Coun Burnett, Emma Reed and the Vale LDP team to point out, when and where at any time during their much-publicised consultation process, stretching back to 2012, that they highlighted to the public that their submissions would not even be looked at.

I would also ask why, if the process was so open and transparent, it was that the Vale LDP team made every effort for weeks to hide this fact during my enquiries, until it became fairly obvious to me the reason for this evasiveness was because what I had suspected was true.

Coun Kevin Mahoney
UKIP, Sully ward

A regional AM backs traders' drive to reopen town centre to traffic

A CAMPAIGN being launched by Bridgend traders to get part of the town centre re-opened to traffic is being backed by regional AM, Suzy Davies.

Suzy Davies (centre) with Steve Bletsoe and Freya Sykes.

She met Steve Bletsoe, chairman of the new traders' forum, who runs the Ella Riley sweet shop in Nolton Street with his partner, Freya Sykes, a town councillor.

The group is fighting for Queen Street, Dunraven Place and Market Street to be re-opened to traffic, leaving the rest of the town centre pedestrianised.

Mr Blestoe said: "It is crucial that people are allowed in to have easier access to the shops, post office and banks.

There are already parking bays which could be available to them for up to 20 or 30 minutes. Anyone who needs longer could use one of the car parks and walk in.

"Traders would be able to do click and collect if shoppers could come in and collect their goods. That's the only way we can compete with internet shopping. It would open up the town to new business.

"The council has to realise that without shops, there would be no town centre. It does not belong to the council – it belongs to all of us – traders, residents and shoppers alike. The council needs to act to ensure that shopkeepers feel that they have a future in Bridgend."

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM, said: "Town centres have moved on from the days when pedestrianisation was seen as a panacea to all problems.

"Councils across the UK are now seeing that over-pedestrianisation starves their town centres of footfall and are reversing it.

"This was the last part of the town to be pedestrianised and it is a step too far, isolating the trade area from main parking areas. Councillors and officers, who were in favour at that time, should be big enough to admit that it has not worked and look at it again.

"There is a difference between opening up traffic flow to revitalise trade and creating a rat run. Motorists will only come to this end of town if they want to use the shops and other businesses.

"Safety of pedestrians needs to remain paramount. Some work needs to be done on kerb depths, but this is a surmountable problem.

"Traffic is already allowed into this part of town until 10am, creating confusion about the purpose of scrapping kerb stones and whether it is pedestrians or traffic which has precedence. Wouldn't it be safer to make that clear?

"BCBC has spent the past 10 years and £10 million pedestrianising the town. The traders are now asking them to find a relatively small sum to reinstate the kerbs, and open up that part of the town, leaving the rest of it traffic-free.

"Pride in a thriving town is more important than saving face on an outdated decision. I will be contacting chief executive Darren Mepham to ask for this to be looked at urgently."

Talk looks at local marine life

A MARINE biologist will be in Porthcawl to talk about the new Swansea Bay marine voluntary code of conduct on July 27.

Winter Dotto will lead presentations and discussions in the Green Room, above SUSSED, 4/5 James Street, Porthcawl, 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

She is currently working for the Swansea Environmental Forum on the 'Clear Streams' initiative and said:

"The events hope to draw attention to the new voluntary code of conduct for sea users and get people on board.

"I will also talk about marine recording, and how people can submit their sightings to their local authority biodiversity unit."

The code of conduct aims to help people interact safely with marine wildlife and help minimize disturbance to the sea life in Swansea Bay, and applies to recreational and commercial sea users across Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend counties.

For more information, email winter@environmentcentre.org.uk

Tribute evening raised £6,000

IN excess of £6,000 was raised again this year at the Marquis Cottrell Park golf club, in memory of the late Barbara Perkins.

Co-ordinated by Anthony Perkins, with the assistance of brothers Ray, Gareth, Kevin, Rob and her husband Wyndham, good weather marked the start of a very enjoyable evening.

The 200-plus guests danced to singer James Williams; and the auctioneer of the night was Mr Phil Thomas of HRT, accompanied by his wife Cheryl, who did a sterling job selling the donation prizes.

The family would like to give a huge thankyou to all who helped and contributed, the staff at Cottrell Park and, most of all, those who donated prizes and all who attended. **GP**

Tory critic hits at the cancer waiting times

WELSH Tory leader Andrew RT Davies AM has criticised the Welsh Government for failing to meet a commitment on waiting times for cancer patients.

He said: "95 per cent of patients diagnosed via the 'urgent suspected route' should start 'definitive treatment' within 62 days, but according to statistics published last week, the figure stood at just 84.7 per cent at the end of May.

"This is a scandal that shows absolutely no sign of letting up.

"It is now seven years since this target was last met and communities across the Vale of Glamorgan will, rightly, question the competence of the Labour Ministers who run and resource our health service," the regional AM for South Wales Central added.

Welsh team – with Jack – lands bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games!

JACK CAFARO was part of Team Wales who have won a bronze medal at the Epee Commonwealth Games held in Cape Town.

Jack (16) a talented young fencer who lives in St Athan, was helped to attend the championships thanks to the support of numerous individuals and businesses in the Vale.

He and his grandmother Sue held bag packs at local supermarkets and received generous support from supporters in the Vale to pay towards the £2,600 cost of the trip.

In the past he has won Welsh foil and épée championships at junior level, and been named the Vale's 'Junior Sportsman of the Year'.

At the School Games in Manchester last year, he won an individual bronze épée and a silver medal for Team Wales épée.

His aim, in the long term, is to represent Britain in the Olympics.

ABOVE: The Welsh team during the awards ceremony. Image by Sue Jones.

Coleman's Wales are a top 10 smash!

THE FIFA world ranking announcements have, in the past, been a something of a chastening experience for Wales; after all, when you're ranked below such giants of the game as Guatemala, Guyana and Haiti, as Wales were in August 2011, the only way to look is up.

So it was something of a refreshing change when the team were placed 10th in the latest rankings published earlier this month.

Wales' top 10 placing received a boost of luck all the way from south America; had Chile beaten Argentina in normal or extra time in the final of the Copa America they would have found themselves in the 'top 10' club; however, as they won that game on penalties, they were beaten to it by Coleman's team.

The upshot of Wales' rapid rise up the rankings isn't just a morale-boosting one; it seems likely that when the qualifying groups are drawn for the 2018 World Cup, Wales should find themselves in the top seeds, hopefully ensuring they avoid the bigger teams and give themselves a boost in their aims to qualify for their first World Cup in 60 years.

Before that is the culmination of their hard work in the European Championship qualifiers, where Wales could be saying 'bonjour' to France and a major international tournament - while the climb has been arduous, the real hard work starts now for this top 10 team.

GARETH JAMIESON

Defeats for the Millwood teams

ANOTHER defeat in this latest round of the Munro Cup as Millwood lost the game against Penarth by a fairly slender margin of only six shots, 66-60.

After the fourth end had been played Millwood had a lead of nine shots (16-9) which looked a good start, whereupon at the ninth end the lead had swung to Penarth who had taken a two shot lead at 27-29.

Penarth then proceeded to apply further pressure for them to take a five shot lead at 40-45 after the 13th end, but as hard as Millwood bowlers tried to win the game in the last quarter, luck prevailed against them for Penarth to come out victors by the six shot margin.

Millwood now have only three more games to play in the Munro Cup - Barry Romilly at home, Llantwit Major away and Sully at home.

At present Millwood have played 11, won six and lost five. We won't be on the winner's rostrum this year, but the playing spirit is still there.

In the second round of the Alan Martin Memorial Cup played against a good Barry Athletic side, Millwood suffered a rather one sided defeat, going down 48-18.

Though 21 ends should have been played, there was too much of a shot difference for the last two ends to be played, even though rink three were only six shots behind at the closure.

On completion of the first quarter of the game, Athletic were 11 shots in the lead at 3-14, and after the 10th end their lead had risen to 9-26, a matter of 17 shots!

When the 15th end had been played there was a 29 shot difference at 12-41 in Athletic's favour for the game to go to the home side by a 30 shot margin.

It seemed that whatever Athletic tried on rink two seemed to pay dividends, because at one point Millwood were lying six shots in the end, only for the last bowl to completely damage the end and give Athletic the shot!

On rink three, it was a far tighter game, but still enjoyable, played on a nicely swinging green on lovely summer's evening. Thank you to Barry Athletic for an enjoyable evening, good luck in your next round.

JH

HUNT MEMBERS TURN TO GOLF!

THE annual Glamorgan Hunt golf day took place at Wenvoe Castle on July 17.

Seven teams took part, with one team consisting of three females and one male, captained by Sarah Morris, the former lady captain of Southerndown.

All had a very good time with a convincing winning team captained by Shaun Davies of Davies Motor Company. Shaun, along with Leigh Ivory, Rhys Ivory, and Jordan Ivory had a total of 118 points. Leigh Ivory also won best male individual with 39 points playing off one.

Second place went to the NFU, captained by Tony Mcarthy with Aubrey Bowen, Ben Davies and Trevor Wooding with a total of 103 points.

In third, organiser Gareth Perkins, along with Glen Hughes, Byron Evans and Mike Phillips a Southerndown member, finished on 101 points.

Two nearest the pins on par threes went to Mike Phillips, the third to Gwyn Davies. Sarah Morris won female best individual.

A big thank you goes to the sponsors: Mark Newbold, The Star Inn Troes, Keith Gibson, Andrew Thomas of AT Environmental and to my wife Heather Perkins.

Also, thanks to the club secretary Nicola, the pro Jason, the catering staff, Nicola Gibson for greeting the teams, and finally a big thank you to all who took part.

GP

Lady captain savours the sunshine!

BEAUTIFUL sunshine saw the ladies' section of St Athan Golf Club welcomed by Carolyn McKenzie to her lady captain's day.

The club captain Mike Edwards greeted everyone and gave his best wishes to Carolyn and the ladies.

After having photos taken, the main business of the day began with a shot gun start to the stapleford competition. The competition was hotly contested with the ladies' efforts rewarded by numerous refreshment stops on the way round. It was a perfect day for golf with the sun shining and the course in perfect condition.

On their return to the clubhouse the ladies changed into their finery and before the meal enjoyed tapas and prosecco or Pimms in the sun, while being entertained by a magician! He astounded everyone with his clever slight of hand and banter and there was much laughter while unsuccessfully trying to see how it was done!

Everyone then adjourned inside for dinner and before the meal it was results time! The silver division was won by Carol Morgan with Lesley Hurry as runner-up, and in the bronze division Steph Bonnar took first place with Denise McGowan a close second.

The longest drive was once again won by Liz Thomas with nearest the pin on the 15th being Erin Allison. A new competition of 'nearest the line' drive was won by Rose Dawson with the chipping prize awarded to Jenny Young; Dilwen Phillips won the prize for the fewest putts on the course.

Michelle Bligh, the vice-captain, then thanked Carolyn for all her hard work and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The meal continued the Spanish theme of tapas with paella and other delicacies and was enjoyed amid lots of laughter and chat.

RJ

'Razor' Ruddock tells all in Penarth!

FORMER professional footballer Neil 'Razor' Ruddock recently 'starred' at a sports dinner at the Oystercatcher in Penarth marina – to support PG10 coaching and raise funds for a planned indoor 3G and sports facility led by Vale Sports Arena.

The evening was a success, with guests learning about Ruddock's career highlights and time on TV in programmes such as 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here' and 'Celebrity Big Brother'.

Future sports dinners will feature former world heavyweight champion of the world Frank Bruno on August 28, Liverpool FC and German legend Didi Hamann on September 25 and BBC Match of the Day pundit and Liverpool FC legend Mark Lawrenson on November 20, with a Stereophonics tribute act heading to Penarth to support local children's sporting development.

For more information, email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk .

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Application No:/ Rhif y cais:	2015/00706/LBC
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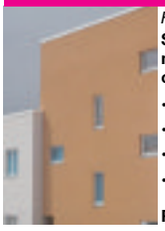

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CONTRASTING RESULTS FOR CRICKET TEAMS

BARRY Athletic suffered contrasting fortunes as the 1st XI lost again, the 2nd XI carried on with a win, and the midweek side reached a cup final.

On Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club 1st XI travelled the short distance to Rhoose to play the Welsh Asians while the 2nd XI played Malpas at home.

In Rhoose, Barry won the toss, decided to bat first and got off to a bad start when they lost the wicket of Hugh Smith for 4 with the score on 17 when he was caught off the bowling of Khan.

This brought Goodway to the wicket to join Murphy and they proceeded to added 124 for the second wicket before Murphy was caught behind off the bowling of Ali for a hardworking and fine 59.

Dawson came and went for 0 with the score on 141, and this brought the big hitting Griffett to the wicket and he and Goodway added 68 in nine overs as Griffettt hit 46 in just 34 balls with five 4s, before he was bowled by Harris Khan.

Nicky Jones then joined Goodway in Goodway's attempt to score his maiden 100 for the club after missing out earlier in the season, but it was not to be as he could not get that last run to take him to the magic 100, as he ended up 99 not out as Barry reached 237 from their 50 overs.

In reply, the Welsh Asians got off to a blistering start as their openers Aslam and Asghar Ali smashed 74 off the first six overs and the 100 came up in the ninth over with Ali reaching his 50 in 22 balls with six fours and four sixes.

Aslam was first to go, lbw to the ever-reliable Peter Hellyar for 24, with the score 129; there was then a partnership of 52 before Idris was out for 15, also lbw to Peter Hellyar.

Ali, however, was going on his big-hitting way as his 100 came off just 46 balls and included 10 fours and eight sixes as he was eventually out caught by Hugh Smith off the bowling of Lewis Doel for 165 from 88 balls, with 23 fours and eight sixes as the Asians reached 240 for 3, and a win from just 29 overs, Hellyar with 2 for 67.

ATHLETIC 2ND XI IN FINE VICTORY

At Barry Island, Barry captain Ashley Baker won the toss and asked Malpas to bat and Malpas were bowled out for 141 with Mitch Taylor-Moore (3-18), Andy Ellis (4-40) and Ethan Fid (2-16) the best bowlers, with the top scorer for Malpas Boothroyd with 24.

In reply, Barry scored 142 for 2 with Aaron Malpas top scoring with 55 and Ashley Baker with 51 not out, the best bowler being Hassan with 1-17; this result keeps Barry in the top two places in the league.

Last Wednesday, Barry Athletic entertained Creigiau in the semi-final of the midweek league cup with Creigiau scoring 99 for 4 in their 20 overs with A Baker (2-2), M Taylor-Moore (1-14), and S Phillips (1-6) being the best bowlers, with A Morley (28) and A Moore (24) the best scorers for Creigiau.

In reply, Barry reached their target of 100 with the loss of four wickets with Andrew Buckland getting 49 not out, Rhett Jones 24 and Nicky Jones 14, as Barry reached the final on Friday, August 7, at Dinas Powys Common.

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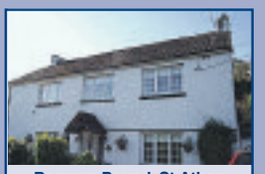
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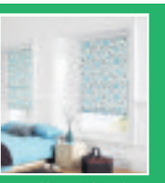
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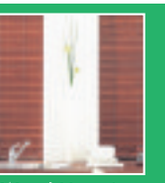
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Daddy, Stacey, Nanny & Grandad, Uncle Airs, Auntie Kirsty & Ava

Love You millions, trillions & billions

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To my beautiful daughter

Saffron Lovell

on the 26th July

18th

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(Finally! No more counting down!) You're beautiful inside and out!

We are all so very proud of you, have an amazing day, love you more, Mum and all the family x

Congratulations

Jamie Newbon

Well Done!

on achieving your Masters of Computer Science

And good luck in your new job with Hewlett Packard.

Lots of love Nana & Grandad Scobie, Mum & Dad, Uncle Sean, brother Jason and sister Gemma xxx

Congratulations

Shirley McDonagh

on your divorce

well done at last

from family & friends, also the one from Oxford

Lori Skene

Congratulations

on your LL.M. Law (Master of Laws - Merit) Cardiff University

Love from Mum, Dad, Rachel & Wesley XXX

Andrew Illingworth-Sage

Congratulations

on passing **5 GCSEs, 2 Entry Levels,** also on **graduating in young fire fighters.**

Love Nan & Grandad xx

Happy 60th Birthday

Janice Hurn

Have a fab day!

Loadsa luv from Ray, your little granddaughters Ella, Niamh, Jazmin, Shayla & the rest of your family xxx

BEN MYERS

Happy 18th Birthday

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on July 23

Lots of love Mum, Jamie, Mike & Kieren, Grampy & Linda. First round is on you xxx

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Family Notices

VIDAL

(neé Western) June

Peacefully at Marie Curie Hospice Penarth, June will be sadly missed by her heartbroken family.

Resting at A G Adams & Son until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, July 30 at 11.30am followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home, donations in lieu if so desired for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the Funeral Director.

CALLARD

Nanna

Peacefully on July 18 at her home in St. Athan, Nanna in her 90th year, beloved wife of the late Fred, dearly loved mother of Ray, Jeff, Janet and Linda, much loved by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday July 29, service and cremation 10am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

LAMBERT

(neé Gervaise) Lily

Sadly on Monday, July 13 at St. Barrucs Ward, Barry Hospital, Lily, aged 84 years of Barry, passed away. Widow of Bill, much loved mum to Christine, mum in law to Michael, devoted nan to Matthew, she will be greatly missed.

Resting at A.G.Adams & Son funeral home until the service at the Barry Crematorium on Monday, July 27 at 11am.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired to St. Barrucs Ward. Please wear bright colours to celebrate Lily's life.

PROSSER

(neé Ryan) Sheila

Peacefully at home on July 9, 2015, Sheila, beloved wife of the late Laurence, much loved Mum of Helen and the late Matthew. Sheila will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A G Adams & Son until the funeral service on Friday, August 7 at 1pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if so desired for either PDSA or The Salvation Army c/o the funeral director.

READON

Bill

(Bill the bus)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Bill of Long Meadow Court, Cowbridge, will be sadly missed. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, July 27 at 1.15pm.

HASWELL

Monica

Suddenly at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, on July 18 after a short illness, Monica of St Athan, beloved wife of John.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday July 29, service 2pm at St Athan Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research Wales c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

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Anniversaries

Diamond Anniversary

Ken & Shirley Blake

All the diamonds in the world cannot outshine the diamonds you found when you found each other. May you have many more.

All my love. **Pamela xx**

Peter & Pat Quick

Happy 25th Anniversary

Love from Mum, Janine, Myfanwy, David, Kevin, Cerys, Josh, Dylan & Kourtney x

Sports event draws inspiration from Rio

Ysgol Bryn Castell pupils with representatives from Bridgend County Borough Council, Sport Wales and Disability Sport Wales.

Ysgol Bryn Castell students enjoy a rugby session with Bryncethin RFC.

YOUNG disabled people have been encouraged to get involved in sport, and take inspiration from next year's Rio Paralympics, at a special event held in Bridgend Life Centre.

The Road to Rio paralympic event, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's Active Young People's Department, saw students from Brynteg Comprehensive, Heronsbridge School, Ysgol Bryn Castell, Porthcawl Comprehensive and Coleg Cymnunedol Y Dderwen have a go at various sports and activities.

The pupils, all with varying levels of physical and learning disabilities, enjoyed cricket, golf, rugby, inclusive zone basketball and rock climbing, with AYPD officers using the event to showcase what inclusive sports are available throughout Bridgend county borough.

The event was made possible with help from partner organisations Halo, Bryncethin RFC, Cricket Wales, Coed Y Mwstwr Golf Club, Golf Development Wales and British Wheelchair Basketball.

The cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, Coun Phil White, said: "We want to make sure that disabled people in our communities have the chance to take part in a variety of sports and physical activities.

"Our disability sports officer works closely with schools, individuals and organisations to create opportunities by listening to what people want available to them."

For more information about disability sport, contact Gareth Walters, the council's disability sport officer on 01656 815220 or email aypd@bridgend.gov.uk.

Team celebrate their award achievement

VALE Ladies & Girls FC are among several regional winners of one of Wales' biggest grassroots football accolades, after beating hundreds of regional clubs to land the 2015 Welsh Community Football Award for Grassroots Impact in south Wales.

Now in its eighth year, the annual Welsh Community Football Awards, presented by the Football Association of Wales, Welsh Football Trust and McDonald's, aim to recognise and reward the people and clubs that are driving grassroots football in Wales.

Winning the regional award and gaining a national nomination marks a fantastic rise in the success of Vale Ladies & Girls FC, who have been operating for just three years.

Starting with just five teams and 80 players in September 2012, the 'Sky Blues' now provide football to more than 180 female players from the Vale and Cardiff areas.

Players represent the club from age six through to under-16 level, with two senior ladies teams, one being the newly formed Barry Town United Ladies based at Jenner Park Stadium.

The club's teams are supported by over 20 fully-qualified coaches, a full set of committee members and play matches across the local area in the South Wales Women's & Girls League. The club also has a high number of players involved in Welsh regional squads, league representative squads and the Cardiff & Vale Schools county teams.

Club chairman Luke Williams, an active member and founder of Vale Ladies & Girls FC since their formation, said: "This is fantastic recognition for the club and a reward for all the volunteers that have put in so much hard work over the past three years. The club has put female football on the map in the Vale and Cardiff area and the school club links we have created have been a huge driver in providing more opportunities for girls to play football."

"For a relatively young club we have achieved a great deal but have a long way to go to reach our aspirations in developing a female ladies team to compete at the highest level in Welsh Football. The club has developed a thriving junior section with just under 200 players and with quality coaching opportunities we hope to produce players that can go on and have potential careers in the game."

"I believe our club already offers the best female player development opportunities with a group of talented coaches and we have recently launched our own club development centre which gives our most talented members additional quality coaching experiences."

The club recently hosted its first summer tournament on July 5, at Barry Rugby Club, which turned out to be a huge success with 67 teams and over 500 female players participating. Teams from Telford, Bristol and Swindon travelled to the event which included local welsh teams and a special guest appearance from current Wales captain Sophie Ingle.

A national panel will now judge Vale Ladies & Girls FC alongside winners from the other five Welsh football regions before a winner is selected in September; for more information on Vale Ladies & Girls FC, visit www.valegirlsfc.co.uk.

LW

Pencoed CC fall to defeat

PENCOED CC travelled to high flying Radyr on Saturday, a team they had beaten comfortably in the first game of the season.

Due to a couple of late drop outs due to illness the side were forced to travel with only nine players. Skipper James Smith lost the toss and Radyr decided to bat first.

The opening pair made a good start with Tame hitting a brisk 50; however, some excellent bowling by Rhys Morgan and Dewi Jury got Pencoed back into the game and at 130 for 6, the game was in the balance.

The nine Pencoed fielders had put in an excellent fielding display but the effort of covering two gaps in the field took its toll and Radyr managed to get to a respectable 202-8 off 40 overs.

During lunch Pencoed received a pep talk from ex-player Keith Redford who was umpiring the adjacent game. However this didn't seem to work and Pencoed lost both openers cheaply in the first couple of overs.

They never recovered and despite a couple of big shots from Thasan they slumped to a dismal 33 all out from 15 overs.

The club will hope to put this behind them when they return to action on Saturday away to Blaina.

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Bulls hard-earned win over Cardiff

Action from the Blue Bulls' win over Cardiff City A.

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls had to fight to earn a 32-18 victory over a brave Cardiff City A side to claim a morale-boosting win.

Jarraed Riddiford opened the scoring with an unconverted try for the Blue Bulls before Owen Davies twisted his way through for a second try, again unconverted.

The Bulls piled on the pressure, with strong runs from youngster Aaron Harries and Owain Williams leading to the Bulls being camped on the Cardiff try line, and on the fifth tackle Owen Thomas powered over with three defenders on his back.

Cardiff mounted their own attack when Joe Davies reduced the arrears with a try converted by Tom Mace to reduce the deficit. Sam Herron added a second try for Cardiff shortly before the break, converted by Mace, for a 12-10 halftime score.

Bridgend lifted their game in the second half and Nathan Morgan ran through for a try goaled by Owen Davies. Davies turned try-scorer to increase the Bulls lead, adding the conversion himself.

Hooker Matt Williams gave Cardiff hope with a well-taken try converted by Idris Evans before a Lewis Hughes try increased the Bulls lead, the conversion attempt going wide.

Owen Thomas claimed his second try of the afternoon and Davies goaled after Keiran Hooper's 40 meter dash.

Try of the match went to Bulls winger Lewis Hughes; after a pick up from the base of the scrum from Lloyd Giles, Lloyd beat three defenders before great passing from Joe Symons put the flyer in at the corner.

Bridgend have had a superb season finishing top of the table and, with a 100 per cent record, now face the challenge of the Forest of Dean this Saturday in a reverse friendly fixture from early in July.

August 8 sees them face every Welsh side in the McRorie 9s tournament in Nelson, before the grand final on Sunday, August 16, at Taffs Well RFC; their opponents will either be Cardiff A or the Aber Valley Wolves who play off on August 5.

SS

Golfer lands hole-in-one

A Pencoed golfer will have no excuse for missing his next tee-time after winning a limited-edition BOSS watch for achieving a hole-in-one.

Gavin Davies, 28, scored his ace on the 181-yard, par-three 18th at The Grove GC, and the seven-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo - a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers - and anybody playing in official club competitions is eligible. Currently, more than 1,800 clubs use the website.

In addition to the limited-edition watch, Davies joins more than 7,000 members in the BOSS Watches H1Club which offers access to exclusive benefits and merchandise.

Another good week on the greens for Romilly bowlers

ROMILLY Bowls Club continued their tremendous form by remaining unbeaten after last week's games as the 'A' team played two away matches, one on Thursday against league leaders Blaenrhondda and on Saturday against Ynyscynon.

The club side had a home game against Ferndale who they beat in the first game of the season at Ferndale 14-0. The 'Rom' welcomed Ferndale to Romilly Park on Saturday in the first of the league reverse fixtures. Having whitewashed the visitors in the first game of the season Romilly were awaiting a strong challenge from a proud side who are the current league champions.

The game began with the visitors as expected pressurising the Sully rinks with excellent bowls and by the fifth end held an advantage of 10 shots mainly due to the visitors' front players on the rink, skipped by Tom Thomas, bowling some brilliant bowls, making it difficult for the Romily rink skipped by Brian Foscolo who were 1-13 at this stage.

By the end of the 10th the Romilly rinks of Mel Newman, Graham Cogbill and Jeff Wright were having close battles with their opposition but Foscolo's rink was still up against it struggling 3-17 with the overall score 34-43 in favour of the visitors.

The Romilly rinks of Newman and Cogbill began to take command on their rinks with Newman winning six consecutive ends, going ahead by eight shots, 20-12, and Cogbill's rink scoring well from ends 10 to 15 surged ahead by 10 shots, 18-8.

Over the same ends Foscolo's rink of lead G Rees and second R Jones at last began to get woods close, giving opportunities for third Fred Phillips and skip Foscolo to add their woods and win six ends to the opposition's one, scoring 14 shots to one against reducing their deficit to four, 14-18.

Unfortunately the rink of P Williams, A Bryan, G Trepleton and skip Jeff Wright, having been leading by 10-2 at seven ends, lost nine consecutive ends to fall behind by nine shots, 10-19.

The overall score at end 15 was now 62-57 in Romilly's favour and now with a narrow lead of five they were looking strong and as the game moved into the last six ends Romilly were looking good, and by the 19th end the 'Rom' were leading by 13 shots.

What happened over the final two ends was like watching a horror show as first Newman's rink and then Cogbill's rink both dropped six shots; it didn't end there as Wright left a shot open on the final end for opposition skip Paul Jones to play, and he duly obliged by removing the only close Romilly wood in the head, making a five.

After being 13 ahead Romilly were now just one ahead with only Foscolo's rink left on the green two down with Ferndale holding game, but Foscolo with one bowl left saved the day as he drew second shot for a drawn game.

Romilly and Ferndale shared the rinks, giving seven points to both sides with the score 85-85.

Romilly still remain undefeated and will have to improve their concentration when the play their nearest rivals St Joseph's in Cardiff this week.

Romilly's 'A' team travelled to league leaders Blaenrhondda on Thursday for a re-arranged fixture.

It was a shortened game of 18 ends, and the first five ends were positive for Romilly who held a slender five shot advantage thanks to the rinks of Alan Bryan and Mel Newman both leading 6-1.

As the game progressed to end 10 the rinks of Bryn Gough and Graham Cogbill were both struggling against good opposition bowling, but Bryan and Newman's rinks still remained in control, allowing the 'Rom' to maintain their advantage, moving to nine ahead, 39-30.

By the 15th end Cogbill's rink had fought back to go ahead 15-14 but Gough was still under the cosh and was six behind, but Romilly's other rinks were playing well with Bryan and Newman both ahead by 12 and seven respectively.

With three ends to play Romilly were holding a 11 shot lead, 61-50, with the home side in shock at not being used to losing on their own green, but they showed fighting qualities over the last three ends.

Cogbill's rink were leading by three but the opposition rink made a three to tie their game. Gough's rink fought hard and although picking up a five on the 16th end to get to within one shot, they dropped to singles to lose by three, 16-19.

Newman's rink had lead throughout their game and were seven shots ahead with three ends to play but managed to drop a 4, 4 and 1 to lose by two shots.

Fortunately Bryan's rink of T Bloomfield, A M Jones and G Rees had played superbly all night and secured a brilliant Romilly win with a 15 shot victory, making the overall score 72 – 62. Romilly secured 9 points to Blaenrhondda's 4 points.

Romilly 'A' are on an a seven match unbeaten run taking them to the top of their league.

Romilly 'A' then travelled away to Ynyscynon as the new league leaders and with a new found confidence expecting to win rather than looking for four points as in previous seasons.

The game began with three Romilly rinks ahead at the fifth end but the rink of Tony Freeman, who have taken all before them this season, experienced the other side of the coin as they failed to score during the early ends, going 14 shots behind giving the home side a 10 shot advantage.

At the end of the 10th end Freeman was still well down 5-18; Andrew Hacher's rink had also gone behind by six with Ray Hewitson's rink struggling at three down. It was only Howard Jones' rink in front by one shot. At this stage Ronilly looked in deep trouble with a deficit of 21 shots.

From the 11th end there was a remarkable switch in the game as the 'Rom' began their fightback; firstly Freeman pulled back five shots, then Hewitson's rink clawed their way back to be just one behind.

Hacher's rink recovered their deficit to go ahead by two and Howard Jones' rink had gone five clear reducing the overall score to just two down, 56-58. With six ends to play Romilly continued to pressurise the home team with Freeman pulling back four more shots to only lose by four after such a poor start, and Hewitson using all his experience to get his rink home by two shots, 23-21, picking up six shots over the final two ends.

Andrew Hacher's rink who had come from behind to lead at the 15th end, continued in control finally winning by three shots, 21-18, while Howard Jones' rink who had lead from the first end continued their form to win comfortably 21-15, giving Romilly 'A' another fine away win, 80-74, and with three winning rinks collected 12 points to Ynyscynon's two points. Romilly's unbeaten run has now moved to eight which is a fantastic achievement.

FP

Bowlers in rich vein of form

THE halfway stage, in the CML has been reached, and Cadoxton completed their sixth win out of seven, when they defeated Ystrad Mynach, at home, to hold second place by two points.

Roy Harding skipped the only losing rink, which spoilt his unbeaten run this season. The rink skipped by John Jones had a close start to their game and were level after five ends.

They had a one shot advantage after 10 ends. Derek Brook was playing a big part in helping to keep in front, and a '4' on the next improved their supremacy. Each side scored on five of the last 10 ends, to complete a home win.

Don Kuhnell had the advantage of playing against a triple. However the opening eight ends were close with shared singles for a 4-4 score.

At this stage the extra two bowls started to make the difference and a comfortable gap was opened. Only four times were ends lost during the remainder of the game.

Howard Craven skipped the final rink and surged into an 8-1 lead after seven ends. Their dominance continued reaching 13-2 after 12 ends. This was boosted further by the end with just five losing ends throughout.

Scores: S Clarke, G Davies, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 24 – 9; P Swannick, D Evans, K Chedgzoy, R Harding 11 –20; J Stacey, L Davies, D Brook, J Jones 18 –12; R Byrne, L Adams, D Jeffries, H Craven 22 – 7. Final score: 75 – 48.

CADOXTON 'A' V LLANTWIT MAJOR 'A' – CML7

Cadoxton 'A' side are now resigned to the fact that winning is highly unlikely and until the team can be brought to full strength they will play the remainder of their games as a friendly day out and hope for an early recovery of their incapacitated members.

Scores: R Cole, R Morris, J Ferguson 13 – 32 D Howells, G Snowden, L Fowler, T Thomas; J Smart, E Heppenstall, D Fanning 12 – 42 C Williams, P Brown, J Ball, K Williams; S Clements, I Heppenstall, D Hammond 10 – 43 D Thomas, J Nixon, P Twomey, K Alexander; G Powell, A Prince, A Carpenter 15 – 21 J O'Brien, D Post, F Pike, M Adams. Final score: 50 - 138

CADOXTON V PENARTH – MUNRO CUP

On a beautiful evening for bowls, Cadoxton travelled to Penarth, with a team made from half the reserve side, to give them some practice of playing in a complete team. The game was played on a lovely playing surface, in a Munro Cup match.

The rinks skipped by John Jones and Don Kuhnell, against their opposing skips Bob Hill and David Dalby, both enjoyed close matches but finished on the losing end by the same score.

Don's rink fought back from 8-0 down and often came close to taking the lead, but each time was thwarted by David. On the other rink the scores were tied at 5-5 and 7-7, before a '4' gave the visitors the lead. However this was followed by seven singles against, while scoring a single on one end.

Howard Craven skipped his rink against Clive Fry, and after seven ends held a 7-3 advantage. A bad run of four ends conceded '4', '2', '3' and '5' took away any chance of success especially as a further '5' went against a few ends later.

Ivor Robertson was promoted to skip in the remaining rink and came up against a strong rink skipped by the experienced Nick Chandler. They were soon in trouble with three '4's and a '3' against in the opening six ends. A '5' in their favour looked as though there could be a revival, but unfortunately only three more ends had any further success.

Scores: J Stacey, E Heppenstall G Davies, H Craven 11 –24 C Davies, P Davidge, B Lewis, C Fry; D Fanning, A Prince, D Jeffries, D Kuhnell 12 - 16 N Thomas, J Lowen, D Plank, D Dalby; R Byrne, P Swannick, P Ellis, J Jones 12– 16 M Conway, H Trow, C Grant, B Hill; S Clements, I Heppenstall, D Hammond, I Robertson 13 – 30 G Rosser, B Herne, R Grant, N Chandler. Final score: 48 - 86.

CADOXTON V ELY – CML6

Going into the start of the second half of the season, Cadoxton travelled to Fairwater for their match against Ely full of confidence, with only one defeat to date, but returned with their tails between their legs.

The only rink to have any success was skipped by Don Kuhnell. Although the members of his rink were well below their normal form, the opposition were also poor, and with a positive performance from him the score reached 13-3.

Unfortunately four ends later, at the break for tea, the advantage was reduced to 13-12. On the resumption a '6' helped rebuild an advantage. However the poor play continued and 10 shots were conceded in three ends before the final end, to trail by one shot. The rink win was obtained with the final bowl to make the necessary two shots.

Roy Harding had a close game on his rink. The scores were level on 4-4 and again at 7-7, when a '4' took them into the lead, but a '4' and two singles took away the advantage.

In the final stages a '3' and a single brought the scores level, leaving another last end shoot out which went to the opposition.

Howard Craven's rink had a bad day. They trailed throughout with only seven successful ends in their 11 shot defeat. After nine ends they were still in contention with the score at 7-11, but only three more ends were successful after the break.

There was a similar sad story on the rink skipped by John Jones. They did not compete in the game until after the tea break, when they trailed 5-14 they were always in arrears for the remainder of the game but did make a spirited reply by scoring 12 against 6 in the second period.

Scores: H Hellyar, G Davies, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 27 – 26; P Swannick, D Evans, K Chedgzoy, R Harding 16 –17; J Stacey, L Davies, D Brook, J Jones 17 –20; R Byrne, P Ellis, D Jeffries, H Craven 13 –24. Final score: 73 – 87.

DK

Sully Bridge Club results

MONDAY, July 13, North/South:

1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 64.35, 2nd Helen Davies/Mark Roderick 63.19, 3rd Pat Evans/Jane Greatrex 61.81. East/West: 1st Trish Tracy/Diana Jones 67.59, 2nd Anne Johns/John Pikoulis 60.19, 3rd David Hopkins/Lilian Hopkins 59.95.

Wednesday, July 15, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 57.39, 2nd Charles Johns/Simone Ballett 54.79, 3rd Debbie Dawkins/Pat Verdon 51.52. East/West: 1st Jayne Greatrex/John Pikoulis 58.92, 2nd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 58.22, 3rd Lilian Hopkins/David Hopkins 58.22.

Saturday, July 18, North/South: 1st Sue Knight/Brian Knight 57.81, 2nd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 55.21, 3rd Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 53.13.

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Turning back time to our peerless Welsh steeplechase jockeys

by BRIAN LEE

The late Sir Harry Llewellyn, Bart, CBE, who kindly wrote the foreword to my out-of-print Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys (Cwmnedd Press 1993) is this week's subject.

COLONEL Sir Harry Llewellyn, who celebrated his 80th birthday in 1992, will always be associated with that unique show jumper *Foxhunter* on whom he won Olympic team gold and bronze medals.

But he was also a leading amateur rider, who finished second and fourth on *Ego* in the Grand Nationals of 1936 and 1937 respectively.

Born at Fairfield near Aberdare in 1911, Harry Llewellyn rode his first winner under Rules on *Theorem* in the Bassett Hunters' Chase at Cowbridge racecourse in 1931. Seventeen year later in 1948, he rode his last winner at Chepstow Racecourse when *King Karl* won a similar event.

Many of his victories were gained at meetings now long gone, such as Cardiff, Colwall Park, Tenby, Manchester and Hawthorn Hill.

An all-round athlete, who in his younger days excelled at rugby and high hurdling, he set a record that will probably now never be beaten when at the Cheltenham Festival meeting of 1948, he won the Foxhunters' Chase on *State Control* and the United Hunts Chase on *Bay Marble*.

No other rider had ever achieved the big hunter chase double. And now that the United Hunts Chase is held later in the season, his record appears safe for all time.

Like fellow Welshman Fulke Walwyn, he started in racing by riding in Welsh point-to-points, and, also like Fulke Walwyn, he used to school horses for Captain Morgan Lindsay at Ystrad Mynach, who trained horses for his father Sir David Llewellyn. His first point-to-point success was on a horse called *Pentych* at the Lord Tredegar fixture of 1930, when he finished strongly to win the nomination race by a short head.

Perhaps the best horse he ever rode was *Ego* who, as previously mentioned, was runner-up to *Reynoldstown* at Aintree. It shows much for his determination that he reduced his weight from 14 stone to 10st 3lbs to ride *Ego* in the Grand National.

Ego ran five times at Aintree covering 17-and-a-half miles without falling. Little wonder that he was nick-named the '*Modern Manifesto*' after the legendary Grand National winner.

Other good horses Harry rode were *Breconian, Silver Grail, Happison* and *China Sea*. It was on the last named that he won several races in a row and was successful on this horse at the last meeting to be held at Tenby in 1937.

A pleasant and amiable man, I recall him buying my book, *The Races Came Off – The Story of Point -to-Point Racing in South and West Wales*, when I was selling them at Chepstow Racecourse that year.

It was published in 1986. He asked me to sign it and when I wrote the usual 'Best Wishes' and signed my name, he took one look at it and persuaded me to write a much longer inscription.

When he had brought out his autobiography *Passports to Life* in 1980, he had signed his book to me with the words: 'To Brian Lee. We are all so grateful to you for recording point-to-points in South Wales. Harry Llewellyn.'

Next time, we feature Carmarthenshire-born Dudley Williams who was one of a select band of Welshmen who dominated the National Hunt racing scene between the wars.

Meanwhile, one Welsh rider I would like information on is the Vale's Ron Boss, who later was a trainer of note on the flat and who, I understand, returned to the Vale some years ago.

You can e-mail me at brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone me on 02920736438.

ABOVE: Harry Llewellyn aboard Theorem, the winner of the open race at the Monmouthshire Hunt Point-to-Point; he is being led in by George Legg.

MUNRO CUP WIN FOR LLANTWIT MAJOR BOWLERS

ON Wednesday, Llantwit Major travelled the short distance to Rhoose for their Munro Cup match, winning on three rinks in a 78-52 shot win.

Graham Jones' rink took an early six shot lead; a score of four by Rhoose on the seventh end gave them the lead but Llantwit bounced back immediately, scoring seven shots over the next two ends to go back in front, which they kept for the rest of the match to win by four shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink started at a cracking pace, being seven shots up after four ends. They piled on the shots throughout the rest of the game, taking six on one end, to win by 20 shots.

Steve Booker's rink, an ex-player of Rhoose, was given no favours - after being two up after four ends, Rhoose took over the scoring, taking nine shots on the following three ends. Llantwit were never in the hunt after that, losing by nine shots.

Neville Young's rink took a six shot lead after five ends, then were 11 shots up after 11 ends, finishing with a 11 shot win.

Llantwit played their return fixture with Treharris. Playing at home, they had an overwhelming win, taking all the points in a 106-58 shot win.

Graham Jones' rink had a dramatic start, scoring 16 shots without reply after only seven ends. After losing the next end they then won the next five ends to go 25 shots up.

Llantwit then relaxed a bit, allowing Treharris to score a few shots but Llantwit finished with a 16 shot win.

Neville Young's rink were level on the fourth end then Llantwit scored 11 shots over the next four ends with Llantwit's frontmen, John Crane and Graham Merchant, outbowling the opposition; Llantwit cruised home, winning by 20 shots.

Steve Booker's rink had a harder match at the start, being four shots in arrears after six ends. Llantwit came back, scoring six on the ninth end, to go in front but Llantwit finished in a flourish, scoring six shots on the final end to win by seven shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had the tightest match, being down until the 16th end when they drew level; Llantwit then lost the next end before winning three ends on the trot, including a five on one end, to take the points with a five shot win.

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Bridgend's Rhys is on way back to golf's top flight

BRIDGEND golfer Rhys Davies looks to be on his way back to the top flight after notching his second win on the Challenge Tour last weekend.

He held on for a two-shot victory in the Fred Olsen Challenge de Espana on the Canary Islands.

Australia's Geoffrey Drakeford finished second, as Davies finished at 22 under par for the 72 holes.

Davies, now aged 30, also won the Turkish Airlines Challenge in May, his fourth career win on the Challenge Tour.

Davies' high point was in 2010, when he was ranked 44th in the world, before falling to 181st place in 2014.

ABOVE: Rhys Davies after winning in the Canary Islands.

We welcome your news, reports and other items of interest - email us at: *gemeditorial @tindlenews.co.uk*

New caterers at golf club

ON behalf of Brynhill members, captain Rhys Jones and club secretary Louise Edwards, welcome Gareth and Mark Dommett as the new caterers for Brynhill Golf Club.

Gareth and Mark (father and son) have been caterers at St. Andrews Major Golf Club for eight years and Mark a caterer at the Marconi Club. They are a welcome new addition to Brynhill as Gareth and Mark have arrived with a glowing reputation for providing excellent food.

JH

MELISSA HELPS OUT WITH NETBALLERS

CTK netball club have continued their preseason preparations at the Vale Resort, Hensol, with the help and expertise of internationally renowned coach, Melissa Hyndman.

Melissa's enthusiasm and knowledge have enabled us to both develop our top players, and also our up and coming talented athletes. Melissa ran a mixture of intense conditioning, speed and agility training sessions, which have been well attended despite the holiday season commencing for many of our athletes.

CTK would like to extend a big thank you to Melissa, who is soon to relocate to Yorkshire to lead Queen Ethelburgas College in the 2015-2016 netball season.

She has made a huge contribution to netball across Wales over the last six years, at all levels from grassroots to the top international squad, being instrumental in establishing Wales at number eight in the world ranking.

The CTK squads are currently busy preparing for the annual friendly fixture against Hartpury College, the south west pre-season tournament in September, the Cardiff and district league which commences on September 14, and finally the defence of our senior national clubs title later in the year.

In addition, many of our players are also preparing for Welsh age group NPL and Superleague trials.

CW

WIN IS MUSIC TO CENTRAL'S EARS!

AFTER an excellent win against Llantwit Major, taking 10 of the 14 points available, Central's next opponents were Cadoxton A.

There was a music festival being held at Victoria Park so the game was played against a background of rock music from the groups playing live.

As far as the game went, Central continued their recent success and in particular the rink skipped by Brian Castle, whose team after a slow start found themselves 16 shots up after 11 ends, wining their game comfortably by 34 shots to 8,

Ted Hudd had the same rink as the previous few weeks and found fierce competition from the Cadoxton rink skipped by A Carpenter.

However, Ted's rink started to take control and emerged winners by 28 shots to 10.

D Goddard, the Central skipper, found the same fierce competion from the Cadoxton team but found his rink 10 shots ahead after 13 ends and Dave's rink continued to put the home team under pressure, winning the game by 26 shots to 14.

With three Central rinks having won it was left to T Goddard's rink to keep the pressure on the home team and he had quite a struggle against the Cadoxton rink skipped by Dave Fanning.

The game swung to and fro with neither side taking the upper hand and with the home team picking up four shots on the 20th end there was only two shots between the two sides with one end to play.

Fortunately Central picked up two shots to win by 18 shots to 14 thus giving Central the maximum 14 points which they wanted to keep their slim chances of promotion a boost.

The overall result showed a win for Central who scored 106 shots against Cadoxton's 46. Well done Central and let's look foward to the visit of Millwood at our home green this Saturday.

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Farmers bake in the sun!

A gloriously hot afternoon last Thursday at RAF St Athan Golf Club awaited the arrival of 32 members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, assembled to compete in the annual captain's day competition.

Society captain Brian Jones, ably supported by his devoted wife Diane and assisted by friends, complemented the occasion by supplying a mountain full of food and cold drinks which was greatly appreciated by the wilting competitors as they passed the halfway house.

The society was particularly pleased to see veteran golfer Gwyn Evans taking his place on the first tee and also returning home with a prize.

It was 86-year-old Gwyn's idea 30 years ago of forming a golf society for those with connections to the farming industry. Since its launch in January 1986 the society has met on over 500 occasions and traditionally always on the last Thursday of every month, taking in over 100 different courses during that time.

When all the competitors had returned to the clubhouse, retired veterinary surgeon Mike King was declared the winner with 38 stableford points to take away half a lamb reared specially for the occasion by captain Brian.

Runner-up with 36 points that included a birdie on the ninth hole was Chris Watson. Captain Brian finished third with 34 points just ahead of Tony McCarthy and Robbie Llewellyn, who also finished with 34 points.

David Williams hit the longest drive of the day on the 10th hole to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize and nearest the pin on the par 3-holes were Gwyn Evans, Neil McLean and Dai John.

Gareth Perkins correctly guessed 20 balls would fail to make the journey home to win the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky. This raised £85 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards fund.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, when members will be competing for the Maesglas Veterinary Shield. **T.McC**

The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 14:

1st Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 61.90%; 2nd Mark Roderick & Denis Mottram 59.52%; 3rd Celia & Huw Thomas 52.38%. Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

DR

BLACKSMITH'S GOLF DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Jamie Goacher with the wooden toilet seat.

Caroline Tremlett.

Philemon Williams was the runner-up.

Roy Whitehouse received a special award.

THE annual Blacksmith's Arms Golf Day was held last Friday, July 17, at St Athan Golf Club.

The tradition of always playing on the Friday of the British Open proved successful once again for founding member and organiser Roy Whitehouse, and this year marked a significant development for the traditionally all male event with the invitation of three lady golfers, Wendy Asquith, Julie Reade and Caroline Tremlett from the Coed-y-Mwster Golf Club.

On a fine but windy day, St Athan Golf Club captain Mike Edwards had the honour of the first drive followed a mixture of Blacksmith's 'closed' veterans and newcomers.

Former champions Gary Nealon, John Cambell, Bill Aspinall and Steve Jenkins were unable to add to their titles this time as St Athan member Jamie Goacher, playing off a handicap of 20, returned an excellent stableford score of 41 points to take this year's title and claim the coveted wooden toilet seat trophy.

Runner-up was Southerndown member Philemon Williams (38pts) with St Athan's Gary Nealon (37) in third place with Tim Stephens (St Athan) winning the nearest the pin prize.

But all the talk on the day was about the winner of the longest drive with Caroline Tremlett's prodigious drive on the mammoth par 5 fourth hole leaving the men hanging their heads in disbelief while at the same time striking a blow for girl power.

After a lovely meal back at the Blacksmith's Arms, Gareth John led the awards ceremony in fine style. After the main prizes, there was a special award for organiser Roy Whitehouse who received a huge round of applause for all his efforts in ensuring a most enjoyable day. **SJ**

Tim's 116-1 double joy!

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan sent two horses to Worcester last week and those lucky punters who backed them in a £1 double collected £117 from their bookmaker.

The first leg of the double was initiated when seven-year-old Colley Row, partnered by Richard Johnson, who is making a bold bid for the National Hunt jockeys' championship, won the selling handicap hurdle by three-and-a-quarter lengths from Bullet Proof.

Around 40 odd minutes later, Uncle Tone, a six-year-old, ridden by M G Nolan took the maiden hurdle race by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the Jonjo O'Neill trained Magheral Express.

EVAN'S ACROSS THE CARD DOUBLE

Llancarfan trainer Evan Williams landed a cross the card double on Sunday.

His Lava Lamp, ridden by Paul Moloney, took the handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot beating Byron Blue by one-and-three-quarter lengths, and at Stratford his Zama Zama, partnered by Adam Wedge, was a four lengths winner of the novices' handicap chase. His two other runners at Stratford, Mac Bertie and Buck Mulligan both had to settle for the runners-up spot.

Evan's mother, Mrs Mary Evans, saw her 13-year-old Maisy Missile finish second at Newton Abbot, while 24 hours earlier at far flung Cartmel, Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan won the Handicap Chase with his Lord Lir, which finished 24 lengths ahead of Forestside. Lord Lir was partnered by leading jockey Richard Johnson.

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Winning draw keeps the first team on course

ANOTHER winning draw, this time against Maesteg, was enough to consolidate Cowbridge CC's First XI in the second promotion spot in the South Wales Cricket Association Division Two.

As things now stand, with 12 rounds gone and six to come, Bronwydd lead on 245, Cowbridge have 221 with Merthyr on 186. Cowbridge are well positioned but the players will know nothing can be taken for granted this far from the season's end.

Last Saturday Neil Brand won the toss again and batted. As usual it was Tom Merilaht (21) and Mike Lloyd (32) who got the innings off to a satisfactory start without dominating, Merilaht falling at 39 and Lloyd at 101.

By then the skipper had moved smoothly to 31 but the remaining Cowbridge batsmen could only offer support rather than runs. While Neil Brand got to 73 the total of 184 was a disappointment. Mention must be made of the bowling of Maesteg's veteran Martin Wilkshire, who took 6-40.

As it turned out there were few scares for Cowbridge as Maesteg never really looked like challenging the total. The teenage opening bowlers, Sam Russell and Rian Thomas, restricted the top order and removed the openers in the first 12 overs before Neil Brand turned to spin, bringing on Tom Merilaht and himself.

In effect these two won the game by conceding just 70 between them with Tom picking up one wicket and Neil two. However it was Matthew Keating and his left arm back of the hand variety who really halted the Maesteg challenge, claiming 3 for 33 off 10 overs.

To have three spinners of such quality is riches indeed at this level and there are few opponents who can compete. Maesteg finished on 147-9.

Cowbridge play Bronwydd this week and dare not slip for fear of their hard-earned position coming under threat.

On Friday the club play the MCC at 11.30am in a game to celebrate the Cowbridge 175th anniversary.

The bar will be open and cricket lovers are most welcome to attend this unique occasion.

JRB

Pontyclun pipped at the post!

PHOTOS BY JULIE HANCOCK

ON a beautiful sunny day, BP hosted Pontyclun in a private greens bowls competition.

The visitors took an early lead and held this until near the end of the match where BP pulled off an amazing comeback, stealing the lead in the last ends. Final score Barry Plastics 86, Pontyclun Athletic 82

The next home game for Pontyclun is on July 25 against Cardiff Sophia Gardens, all are welcome to watch and join.

PH

Opposition show to much Steel for seconds

AFTER last week's win against league leaders Merthyr CC, Cowbridge seconds travelled to high-flying Briton Ferry Steel. Cowbridge were confident, having won the reverse fixture.

As is customary the Cowbridge captain lost the toss allowing Briton Ferry to have first use of a good looking strip. BFS got off to a flying start with their first team opener hitting 24 in only three overs before being tricked in the flight and caught and bowled by the wily John Gilbert. In stark contrast the other opening bat took 35 overs to amass a paltry 28.

Wayward bowling on a small field allowed BFS to set a challenging total of 201-8. The only exceptions being Guy Parker (5-38) and John Gilbert with 1-43 off 15 overs.

Excellent catching aided Parker in particular with the highlight of the innings being Jonty Webb's steepling catch on the deep 'cow corner' boundary. Jonty seemed to be under it for hours before it eventually came down!

After tea Cowbridge got off to a poor start with both openers falling cheaply. This brought young Sean Rowland to the crease; Sean, finding form and confidence, batted superbly for his 83.

Cowbridge were well in the game until Sean departed. Robert Thomas and Umar Rafique got into the teens, but the total proved too much as Cowbridge were bowled out for 156.

An excellent game played in good spirit was closer than the final scores suggest. This week the seconds are at home to relegation-threatened Maesteg Town.

IE

THE COWBRIDGE BOWLS ROUND-UP

OUR ladies were scheduled to play in four games last week on consecutive days.

On Monday, the first of these was rained off and was rescheduled; on Tuesday in an Evening League game the visitors were Cardiff G (a Sophia Gardens team); Cowbridge were outplayed.

On Wednesday, another home league game and this time the visitors were Penarth RR. Cowbridge won overall and on two of the three rinks.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Caryl Davies, May Jones and Helena Snelling (skip) 25-13; Diane Lloyd, Pat Davey, Joy Woolford and Sue Flower (skip) 16-19; Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price, Kay Edwards and Shirley Wilkinson (skip) 18-14. Match score: Cowbridge 59, Penarth RR 46.

On Thursday, this time away in another league game at Barry Central which Cowbridge won overall by just one shot, despite losing on two of the three rinks.

Rink score: Dorothy Pritchard, Phyllis Price, Kay Edwards and Sue Flower (skip) 23-6; Lynda Wilson, Sylvia Hole, Joy Woolford and Joan Bradley (skip) 9-12; Pat Davey, Jan Lewis, Pat Holdsworth and Shirley Wilkinson (skip) 7-20. Match score: Cowbridge 39, Barry Central 38.

The men played two matches, both away. The first, in a Munro Cup game, also at Barry Central, Cowbridge lost by 10 shots overall but picked up points by winning on two rinks.

Rink scores: Terry Dunsworth, John Collin, Rob Lewis and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 14-23; Len Taylor, Byron Richards, Brian Kent and Clive Pritchard (skip) 9-19; Tony Lewis, Mick Davey, Ron Frayling and Bob Penn (skip) 21-16; Gerry Lloyd, Brian Hole, Colin Wilson and Clive Pritchard (skip) 17-13. Match score: Cowbridge 61, Barry Central 71.

In the second game in the league we were away to Taffs Well and played on a surface in poor condition - grass that had not been cut for a week and brown patches that had been sprinkled with grass seed.

All players had difficulty in finding line and length and luck was going to play its part. Norman Wilkinson's rink did pick up two points with a one shot win and Colin Wilson's rink lost by just three shots.

Rink scores: Tony Lewis, Terry Dunsworth, John Trott and Colin Wilson (skip) 18-21; Mansel Davey, Bryan Hole, Ron Frayling and Guy Morton (skip) 10-24; John Jones, Rob Lewis, Brain Kent and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 18-17; Gerry Lloyd, Len Taylor, Michael Bradley and Clive Pritchard (skip) 13-23. Match score: Cowbridge 59, Taffs Well 85.

The next game this Saturday is at home to the current league leaders, Pontypridd.

MB

OWEN STARS AS T20 TEAM CRUISE TO WIN

ONCE upon a time there was a young cricketer called Owen.

He played for the Cowbridge junior teams and kept wicket for a legendary second XI under the leadership of the legendary CS White.

Grown up things got in the way of this cricketer's progress - captaincy of Cardiff RFC, marriage and children and so forth. But the love of cricket was deep inside Owen, and last season he returned to play T20 cricket on a Wednesday evening for Cowbridge.

In the twilight of his career there was enough competitive juice in his veins for him to record what few manage - he scored a maiden century, and a rapid one at that.

In all Owen (Ruttley) created his own sort of mayhem as he hit six sixes and 11 fours in his 104. Owen was afforded good support from Sean Rowland (34 no) as their opponents, Barry West End, were flogged for 167-4 in their 20 overs.

In reply the visitors made 67-7 and the victory was Cowbridge's, but mostly Owen's. A just reward for a true sportsman.

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